

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Two Thoughts For
Christmas

It is a pity that Christmas, of all times in the year, is the occasion for lament as well as goodwill. And what is lamentable, of course, is the high cost of the seasonal obligations. Recently we had occasion to deplore the increased tax burden on drinks. Alas, it does not stop there as the commodities price lists for the Christmas fare clearly demonstrate. And year by year the conviction grows stronger that the season is becoming a glorious banquet for shopkeepers financed by non-stop handouts from the family man.

This is not said cynically or bitterly. It may be regrettable but it has come to be accepted in this age as an essential accompaniment to Christmas celebrations. But a point we made a year ago almost to this very day was that Hongkong industry might help to lighten the family burden in one direction by greater concentration on toys—well-made, attractive and above all at prices cheaper than the imported product. And to those who have bothered to search, or to visit the CMU exhibition, there is cause for much agreeable surprise at the wide variety of excellent Hongkong made toys on sale.

CHIEFLY these are to be found in the range of plastic or wooden toys—but they are not to be confused with Japanese made goods which have appeared on the local market this year in staggering quantities. If there is any doubt about this assertion a walk down Wanchai, Nathan Road or Queen's Road West will readily confirm the extent of these imports.

Among a number of good Hongkong toys are various kinds of games, constructive puzzles, cars, ships, lead soldiers and a heartening array of "build-it-yourself" articles. They are in many cases less than half the price of similar imported toys. And the quality is good, the paint bright and ingenuity of many quite pleasing. One may regret that wooden soldiers have sharp tips (when they could easily have been blunted to avoid injury) and that some of the "copies" appear to be slavish imitations of similar British or German toys. But on the whole the Hongkong industry has done well this year.

THERE is a point to be made about "copies". Inevitably, toys follow fashions dictated by fastidious children—as much as furs or jewellery or dresses follow the tastes of their equally fastidious mothers. To that extent, "copies" are unavoidable. In other categories, however, imitation should be discouraged and it would be advisable if Hongkong manufacturers avoided provoking fresh wrath overseas by duplicating their well-known and well-established products.

The good news for parents this year, then, is that the Christmas budget can be lightened as far as this expensive item is concerned. But may we also suggest how the saving can be properly utilised and at the same time the season made very much more worthwhile? For many in Hongkong there will not only be no happy Christmas but also a pretty grim prospect for the New Year. Other children than our own need presents, need friendship, need help. Other adults, too. It would be a much happier Christmas for many more if we matched our gifts to our families and friends with another for those for whom goodwill was also intended but who have had precious little of it up to now.

BIG CABINET RESHUFFLE

Sir Anthony Eden Gives These Five Men New Duties



Mr Butler



Mr Macmillan



Mr Selwyn Lloyd



Sir Walter Monckton



Mr Iain Macleod

SIX MINISTERS RESIGN

London, Dec. 21.

Sir Anthony Eden tonight announced a major reshuffle of his cabinet naming new ministers for three top posts.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, 51, becomes Foreign Secretary and Mr Harold Macmillan, 61, Foreign Secretary for the last four months, becomes Chancellor of the Exchequer.

New Defence Minister is Sir Walter Monckton, 64, who has earned wide praise for his handling of industrial relations as Minister of Labour over the last four years.

Mr R. A. Butler, 53, moves from Chancellor of the Exchequer to Lord Privy Seal, a non-departmental post which frees him from his duties as the Prime Minister's right-hand man.

He also becomes leader of the House of Commons, making him responsible for carrying through the Government's programme of legislation.

BIG SURPRISE

The big surprise of the reshuffle is the appointment to the Defence portfolio of Sir Walter Monckton, who had been expected by many to retire from politics. A notable promotion is that of Mr Iain Macleod, formerly Minister of Health, to the Ministry of Labour and National Service. At 42, he becomes the youngest member of the cabinet.

Six ministers in the old Government, which Sir Anthony Eden formed when he took over the Premiership from Sir Winston Churchill last April, disappear from the administration.

Chief of these is Lord Woolton, 72, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1945, a post which allowed him to undertake special assignments.

The official announcement from number 10 Downing Street tonight began with a list of ministers who had resigned: they were Lord Woolton; Mr Harry Crookshank, 64, who was Lord Privy Seal; Lord Lisle and Dudley, 46, Air Minister; Mr Geoffrey Lloyd, 63, Minister of Fuel and Power; and Mr Henry Hopkinson, 65, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs.

NO 'OVERLORDSHIP'

An unexpected appointment is that of Mr Patrick Buchanan Hepburn, 54, for many years Government Chief Whip (party manager in Parliament) as Minister of Works with a seat in the Cabinet.

The new Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, Mr John Hare, has served as a vice-chancellor of the Conservative Party. He is 44.

Among the younger men promoted is the Earl of Selkirk, 49, who succeeds Lord Woolton as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The Prime Minister dispelled speculation that Mr Butler, away from the Treasury, might continue to hold overlordship in the nation's economic affairs.

It was made known tonight that Mr Macmillan, under the Prime Minister will co-ordinate all aspects of economic policy, both internal and external in addition to discharging the Chancellor's normal responsibility for economic affairs.

Appointments to less important posts were: Minister of Air—Mr Nigel Birch;

Minister of Pensions and National Insurance—Mr John Boyd-Carpenter (formerly Transport Minister); Minister of Health—Mr R. H. Turton; Minister of Transport—Mr Harold Watkinson; Fuel and Power—Mr Anthony Jones.

An earldom has been conferred on Viscount Woolton.

Viscounties are conferred on the following: Captain H. F. C. Crookshank, former Lord Privy Seal; Mr Herbert Peake, former Pensions Minister; Mr J. P. L. Thomas, First Lord of the Admiralty; and Lord de Lisle and Dudley, former Air Minister.

"MOST SWEEPING"

A barony (peerage) is conferred on Mr Henry Hopkinson, former Minister of State for the Colonies.

Lord Selkirk, Mr Harold Watkinson, Mr Aubrey Jones and Mr John Hare are appointed members of the Privy Council.

The Government reconstruction is the most sweeping carried out by a British Prime Minister since World War II.

It realises Sir Anthony Eden's aim to streamline his government.

No previous post-war Prime Minister has at one time changed his key lieutenants—the Treasury chief, the Foreign Secretary and the Defence Minister.

But all these changes indicate clearly the new pattern in the Prime Minister's mind.

Mr Butler's switch from the Treasury post four years—during which he pulled Britain out of the 1951 crisis to economic stability—does not mean that the Chancellor is under a cloud.

DOUBT ABOUT SWITCH

In replacing Mr Harry Crookshank, 64, as Lord Privy Seal, a sinecure office, he is left free to develop his role as the Prime Minister's undisputed first lieutenant.

Parliamentarians were expecting Mr Butler to have his present load lightened by relief from the Treasury job, but despite strongest prediction there was doubt up to the last minute whether the Prime Minister would simultaneously switch Mr Macmillan from the Foreign Office.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, 51, was confidently tipped for the foreign secretaryship. He had a previous

spell of service in the Foreign Office as Minister of State.

But what puzzled and worried Parliamentarians was that the Prime Minister, after giving Mr Lloyd extra powers two months ago, should switch him just as the new defence "overlord" was settling in.

Sir Anthony Eden solved one of his biggest problems—the question of successor to Mr Selwyn Lloyd—by drafting in Sir Walter Monckton, 64, Minister of Labour, who has been widely credited with a desire to leave the Government.

He had an illness earlier this year and this lent colour to speculation that as soon as the Prime Minister was willing, he would return to private life.

OTHER CHANGES

A list of changes at lower government levels subsequently announced was: Mr E. R. Heath, 39, as chief whip in succession to Mr Patrick Buchanan Hepburn.

Miss Edith Pitt, 49-year-old Birmingham woman popularly tipped for a job, comes into the Government as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in place of Mr Ernest Marples who resigned.

Mr Christopher Soames, 35, son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill and formerly his Parliamentary private secretary is made Under-Secretary for Air.

Other junior appointments are: Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty—Mr George Ward; Under-Secretary for Commonwealth Relations—Commander Allan Noble; Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs—Mr A. B. Dodds; Parker, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry for Fuel and Power—Mr David Rinton; Queen's Counsel; Under-Secretary Home Office—Mr W. F. Deedes; Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Local Government—Mr Enoch Powell; Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Labour—Mr Robert Carr; Assistant Postmaster-General Mr C. R. M. Alport.—Reuter.

THE JUDGE AGREED: IT WAS A MISTAKE

New York, Dec. 20.

A crying baby and an impatient husband are understood in any language. Police Court Judge Albert Doub decided today.

Judge Doub acquitted a young Egyptian woman and her husband on charges of shoplifting. After hearing the woman's story, told through an interpreter, from Duke University, Judge Doub agreed it was all a mistake.

The woman, Awaf Almahor, and her husband were arrested in a store here on December 9 on charges of shoplifting six pairs of women's stockings. They were arrested as the woman walked out of the shop with the stockings, following her husband, who was carrying the crying infant.

The woman explained in Court that she was looking at stockings in the store when the baby started to cry.

Already annoyed because he felt his wife was taking too long to make her purchase and because they had little time left to dress for a party they were to attend that night, he stalked out of the store with the crying baby.

The woman said she ran after him, with the stockings in her hand, to stop him and have him pay for the stockings.

The arresting detective testified that Mrs. Almahor understood very little, if any, English, but that she had been told by a friend that she should buy stockings for her husband.

Middle East To Benefit

BIG INCREASE IN AMERICAN FOREIGN AID

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, announced today that Congress would be asked to appropriate about \$4,900 million in foreign aid for next year.

About three thousand million will be earmarked to keep American military aid flowing at its present rate for the next few years, Mr Dulles told a press conference. The remaining \$1,900 million will be earmarked for economic aid. This represents an increase of \$200 million over the economic credits voted by Congress for the present fiscal year. The next fiscal year runs from July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957.

Mr Dulles said a \$100 million fund for economic aid to the Middle East would be set up and another hundred million dollar fund for Southeast Asia, approved by Congress last year, would be maintained.

"TROJAN HORSE"

At the same time, he said he hoped Soviet economic aid to the present fiscal year would be maintained and that the United States would take over independent countries.

Mr Dulles opened his press conference by reading a prepared statement, saying: "The United States seeks no monopoly in rendering economic assistance. We welcome any grant or economic aid which invigorates less developed countries and makes them more and more independent. This has been the United States policy for many years."

"Since world war two, we have given substantial economic aid to many nations. Not one of them has, on that account, lost any particle of freedom or independence."

"SQUEEZED"

"If the Soviet Union were to follow our example, that would be gratifying. Imitation is the sincerest flattery. But there is likely to be a question of whether the Soviet really seeks to promote the vigorous independence of free nations. That question arises because of the long Soviet record in absorbing other countries."

"Also, the Soviet Union is not like the United States, a country which has economic surplus. The Soviet Union is a deficit area. Most of the Russian people are without things which we regard as necessities of life. The captive peoples of Eastern Europe who once enjoyed high standards of living, have been squeezed."

Fined For Biting

Taxi-Driver's Nose

Berlin, Dec. 20. A citizen of Berlin, Hassan Abbas, was fined 50 marks (US\$14) and had to pay 10 marks damages today for biting the nose of a taxi-driver.

The taxi-driver, Mohamed Jafar, appeared in the Berlin court with his nose swollen in a "protection action" of compensation. He said the taxi-driver had bitten him on the nose when he was sitting in the taxi. The taxi-driver said he had bitten the nose of the taxi-driver when he was sitting in the taxi.

WINTER GRIPS EUROPE

Dramatic Rescue Of 120 Children

London, Dec. 20.

Snow, ice and winter fog disrupted shipping and land traffic all over northern Europe today.

A dramatic rescue saved 120 schoolchildren from the North Sea.

Weather bureau predicted more snow, and a white Christmas for most countries.

At least 17 people have died as a result of the storms throughout the continent, with Norway the coldest country in Europe.

AGROUND IN FOG

Gales, fog and sleet disrupted shipping lanes in the North Sea, where two German island steamers crowded with hundreds of holidaying schoolchildren and teachers ran aground in the fog.

The children had to abandon one ship in lifeboats.

All were rescued from a nearby jetty. The second steamer made port safely with its 300 children and teachers.

Two other German freighters with a total crew of 12 were missing in the Baltic Sea. Rescue parties searched the seas for the Ernst, with a crew of seven, and for the Sybille, with a crew of five.

15 FEARED DEAD

Stockholm reports say Swedish freighter with a crew of 15 men is feared to have gone down with all hands.

"Nothing has been seen or heard of the (750-ton) Swedish freighter Hocken since I myself spoke to one of the crew over the radio on Friday last," a coastal radio station official said tonight.

Ten people have died in Sweden, three in Holland, three in Norway and one in Belgium.—United Press.

Government Orders: RESERVE ARMY REFORMS

London, Dec. 20.

The War Minister, Mr A. Head, today announced "far reaching changes in the Reserve (Auxiliary) Army" wiping out its armoured divisions and leaving it only two full-scale divisions.

Mr Head told the House of Commons "these divisions are required to meet our NATO commitments. The remainder of the reserve army will be reorganised for the tasks which could be foreseen."

Mr Head said the reserve forces "constitute the country's potential strategic reserve. They will, therefore, continue to be organised as military forces" but must be ready to act "in the closest co-operation with the civil defence services."

BOUNTY INCREASED

The two armoured and one mixed divisions would be converted to infantry divisions, but six armoured units would be retained to "support our NATO divisions."

The airborne division would be reduced to a parachute brigade group of four or five battalions.

Where units were disbanded he hoped to offer the great majority of their volunteers the opportunity of transferring to other units," he said.

Mr Head said that to encourage recruiting, it was proposed to raise the bounty for the Territorial Army and Emergency Reserve from £12 to £20 after three years' service.

Of the Home Guard Mr Head said sector commanders and three members of each battalion would be retained to "keep plans and lists of members" up to date. Paid staff "would no longer be required,"—Reuter.

Noisy Crowd Demonstrate In Calcutta

Calcutta, Dec. 20.

About 1,000 people today demonstrated for two hours in front of the United States Consulate here in protest against the recent joint Portuguese-American statement which referred to "Portuguese provinces in the Far East."

The demonstrators held a public meeting with speeches condemning the statement and then paraded to the consulate which was heavily guarded by police.

The American Consul General refused to receive a deputation of the demonstrators who were led by members of the Revolutionary Socialist Party.

The demonstrators then hung a letter on the Consulate Gate which said the joint statement "revealed to the Indian people that the United States is backing Portugal in its arrogance to continue its colonial rule."—Reuter.

FRANCE SENDS MORE TROOPS TO ALGERIA

Algiers, Dec. 20.

France rushed 1,400 fresh troops into Algeria today.

A total of 30 soldiers, terrorists and civilians were killed yesterday. The nationalist and counter-nationalist violence is now in its 14th month.

The troops left the French port of Marseilles for the Algerian port of Bone. They will reinforce the forces engaged in large-scale mopping-up operations against the rebels.

The major mop-up is still going on. An ambush killed five soldiers in a French military convoy yesterday. Five others are missing.

General Andre Buisson, commanding the second Moroccan infantry division, has personally taken charge of the operation.

SPREADING

Terrorism is spreading all over Algeria. Moslems had their throats cut in Saida, two miles south of Bougie, while two others were hanged by the rebels. In Tazmalt a native was found dead with his throat cut. Another three Moslems were slain near Villars.

The Bone-Shoukhar railway was sabotaged and a train derailed. One passenger was slightly injured. Rebels also set fire to several farms and schools and in Tebessa terrorists threw two

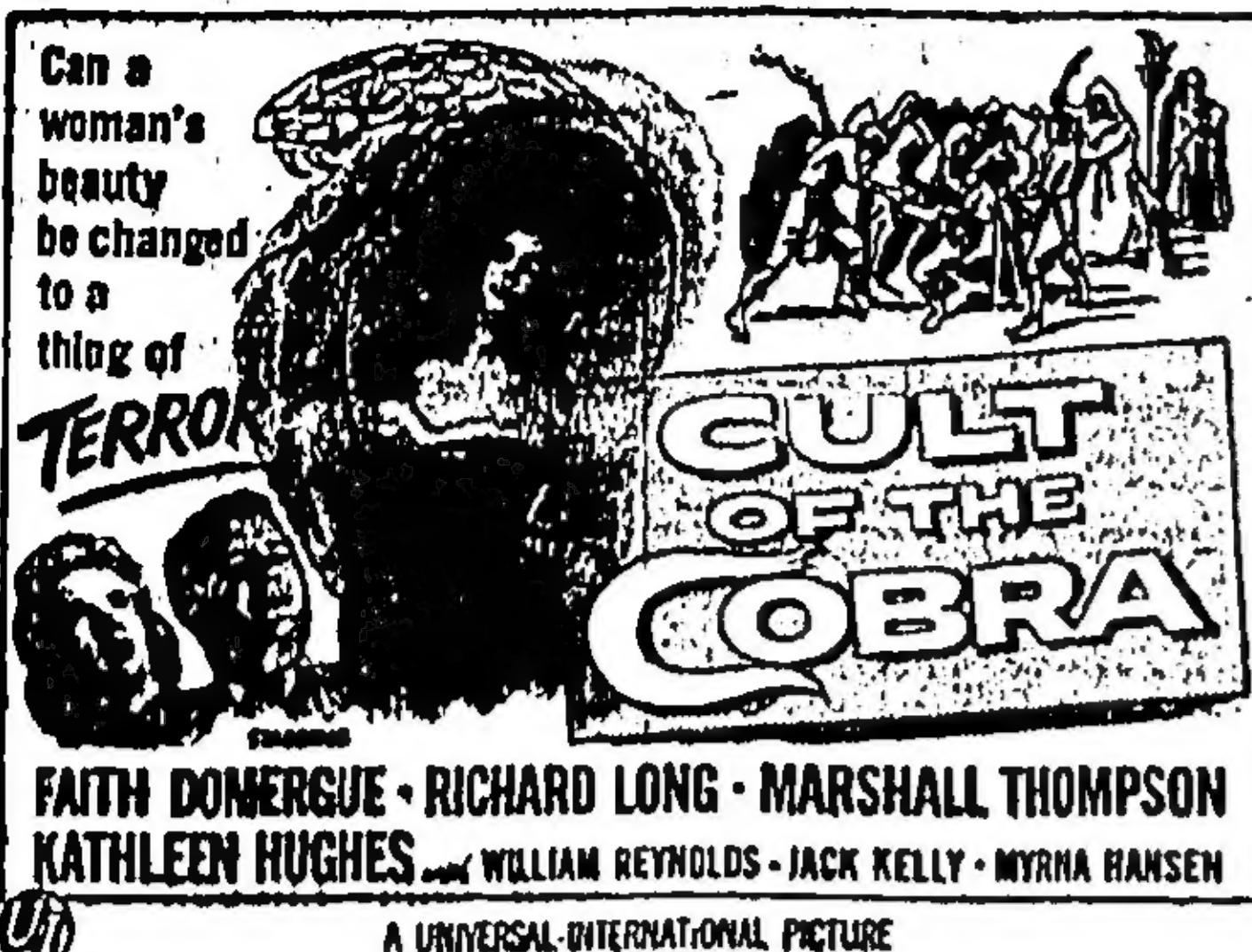
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Walter Pidgeon

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Stewart Granger
Grace Kelly

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SHOWING TO-DAY
AT 2.30, 5.30 (NEW YORK AT 5.15 P.M.)
7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

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NEW YORK Added Attraction At 2.30, 5.15 & 9.30 p.m.
"THE RIVAL WORLD"
A Shell Film Unit Production in Eastmancolor

POP



POUJADISTS BREAK UP RALLIES IN FRANCE

Candidates Showered With Rotten Eggs

Paris, Dec. 20.

The anti-tax crusader, Pierre Poujade, rode into Paris today at the head of his "commandos" in a rowdy election campaign against what he called France's "rotten regime."

Police stood aloof to let the candidates fight it out themselves. The Interior Ministry said it was powerless unless the roughhouse tactics drew blood or exploded into big riots.

Throughout France truckloads of burley Poujadists were busy breaking up their opponents' election rallies with brays, hoots, horns, storming and showers of rotten eggs.

Poujade himself is not a candidate but he is speaking for a group of extreme right-wing candidates of his anti-tax Party. Poujade's lieutenants promised real fireworks for Thursday, when he moves into Central France to tackle his No. 1 enemy, Francois Mitterand, the former Interior Minister.

Hit Twice

Mitterand already has been hit in the face twice by flying vegetables and gaily hurled by followers of the incensed Poujade, who is out to cut the nation's taxes—or end them.

Poujade has organized a union for the defence of shopkeepers and artisans (UDCA) and has vowed to get Mitterand because he "gilded some of Poujade's tax-evading followers." Poujade is a 33-year-old, small-town shopkeeper who rocketed to fame when he urged other store owners to bar their doors to government tax investigators on the grounds that the nation's taxes were too high.

And although reports streamed in from the provinces of his followers breaking up election rallies, the police said they could do nothing as long as there was no "large-scale fighting."

Booted Out

An average of 3,000 rallies a day are held throughout France and the police said: "We simply are not able to send many police to each of them."

Poujade was accompanied by an estimated 800 strong-arm men when he was at a meeting last week. The only anti-Poujadist to speak up at the meeting was booed out of the meeting.

Poujade Minister Antoine Pinay's Independent Party has cancelled all meetings in the Atlantic Coast Vendee Province because of the Poujade threat. The husky voice of Pierre Mendes-France also proved no match for the gruff shouts and whistles of Poujadist hecklers at a weekend meeting.

Mendes-France finally stormed out of the meeting while the hecklers roared: "You drink milk. But here in Normandy it gives us stomach cramps. We drink alcohol!"

Made Mistake

Mendes-France fired two more men from his Radical Party today, Marcel Brudel and Jean Montels, who made the mistake of heading lists against Mendes-France candidates.

In retaliation, six Radical municipal aldermen quit the Party in Paris "to mark our solidarity with Premier Faure," who was the first to go in the Mendes-France engineered purge.—United Press.

Money In Ants

Sydney, Dec. 21. The New South Wales Government is offering £45 to anyone who finds a new colony of Argentine ants.

Argentine ants have cost the Government thousands of pounds in suppressive measures and caused untold annoyance to householders.

In parts of Victoria, householders are paying £45 each to local councils to spray their allotments with ant poison. China Mail Special.

US Obstructing Disarmament Says Moscow

London, Dec. 20.

Moscow radio commentator today charged the United States with obstructing the way to "an acceptable agreement on disarmament," and at the same time "loudly declaring their intentions to build up their armaments."

UN's Failure To Accomplish More

United Nations, Dec. 20. The French permanent delegate to the United Nations, M. Herve Alphand, speaking at the closing meeting of the General Assembly's tenth session today, criticised the Assembly for its failure to accomplish more at this session.

Apart from the decision to admit 16 new members, the Assembly had solved very few of the problems submitted to it. M. Alphand said. "On the other hand, a lot of energy has been wasted in fruitless discussions which were not of a kind to improve relations between peoples."

In trying to cover too much ground, the Assembly had failed to concentrate on other problems which it could have solved or could at least have helped towards solution.

Two Alternatives

The United Nations was confronted today with a choice between two alternatives, the French delegate continued.

"Either it can continue its present wanderings, tackling problems that it has neither the right nor the power to solve. In this case, it will give the world a spectacle of disorder and inability to act."

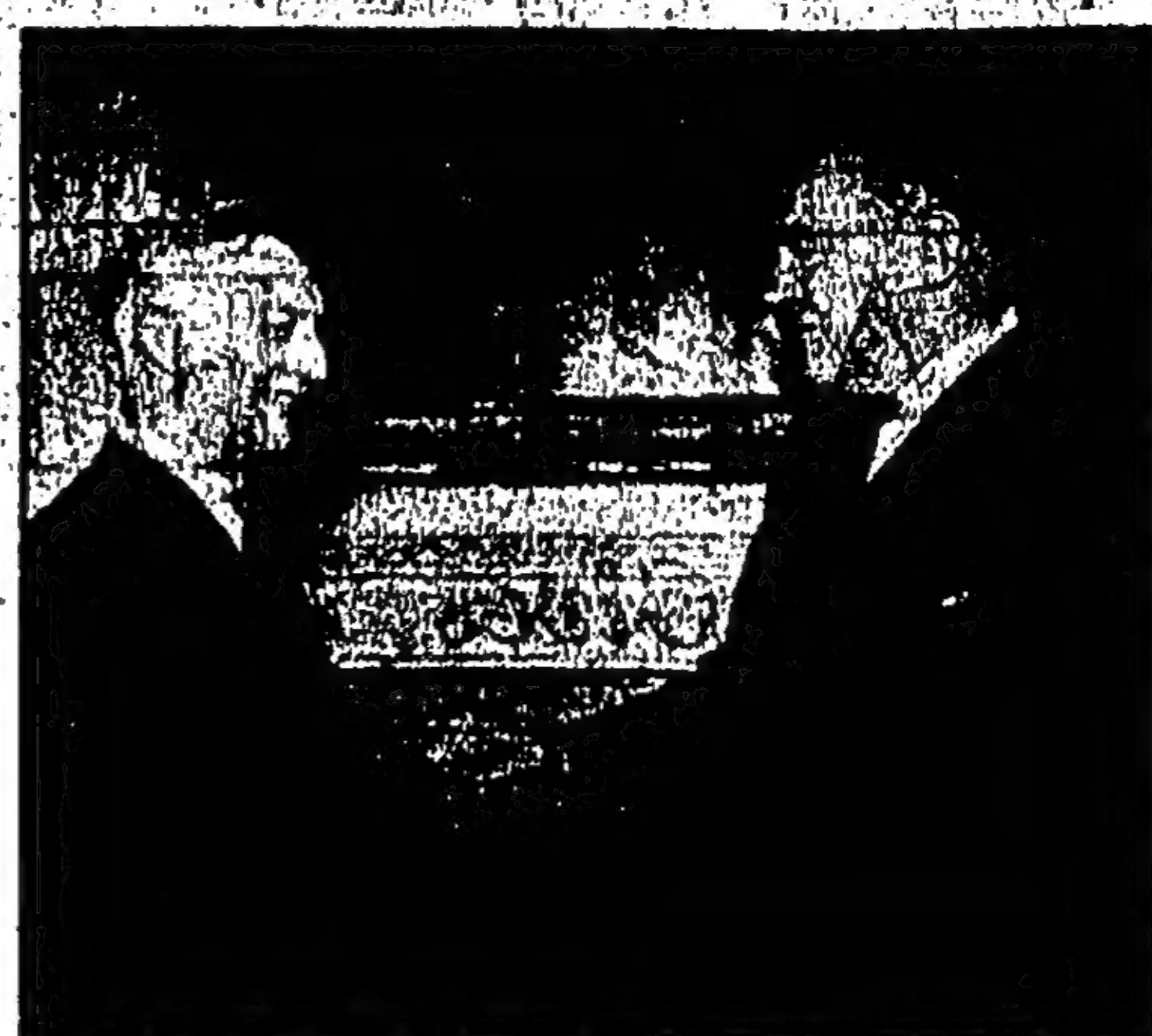
"Or it can decide the cause of peace, this will only increase tension in the world and ruin the authority of the organization."

The alternative was to restrict its activities to "what is just and possible, and follow without demagoguery the path outlined by reason and laid forth in the Charter."—France-Press.

BRIGHT IDEA

Tokyo, Dec. 21. Tokyo police have arrested a charcoal dealer caught while attempting to set his local tax office on fire.

The dealer told police he was seeking revenge because tax officials attached his property when he failed to pay. China Mail Special.



Major Gwilym Lloyd George, the Home Secretary, has a "good luck" handshake for Chief Superintendent Thomas Lockley (left) before the latter's departure for Cyprus where he will lead a special British police unit to cope with the terrorists.—Reuterphoto.

Anti-Tax Riots: One Killed

Freetown, Dec. 20.

Police fired on anti-tax demonstrators at Mafara yesterday, killing one and injuring two, the British colonial government announced today.

The government statement said three police were injured in the attempt to put down a demonstration which, the report said, included the burning of houses.

A total of six persons have been killed in the anti-tax disturbances which flared up a month ago in this West African British Colony.—United Press.

Stalin Peace Prize Awarded

Moscow, Dec. 20.

Mr. Akiko Seki of Japan is among the Stalin Peace Prize recipients this year. It was officially announced here today. The peace prize committee, which announced the awards, is headed by Soviet academician Dmitri Skobolev. The prize instituted in 1951 is worth about \$9,000 sterling and it includes a gold medal and a diploma.

Other winners this year are Herr Joseph Wirth, former German Chancellor, Senator Lazar Cardenas, a former President of Mexico, Sheikh Mohammed Ashm Awi, Ton Diik Thang, chairman of the National Front Committee of Communist North Vietnam, and Ragnar Forbech, a Norwegian pastor.—Reuter.

Coalition Possible In The Saar

Saarbrücken, Dec. 20.

The Christian People's Party of the former Saar Premier, Herr Johannes Hoffman, today opened the way towards a government coalition with the pro-German Christian Democrats who topped the poll in Sunday's general election.

The party confirmed a decision to back a change in the Saar constitution which now declares the territory to be autonomous.

The party first made this decision after the Saar voters rejected a statute to "Europeanise" the Saar last October. Herr Hoffman's government had supported the statute.

Party Hopes

The three pro-German parties, including the Christian Democrats, want the Saar to return to Germany. They together have 83 out of 80 seats in the new parliament, but a three-quarters majority—at least 80 votes—is needed to amend the constitution. Political observers believe Herr Hoffman's party hopes

that the Christian Democrats, who won 14 seats, will now change their previous stand against a "Christian coalition."

The French and German Governments and the two German Catholic bishops, whose dioceses cover the Saar, are understood to favour such a coalition.—Reuter.

MAJESTIC

SHOWING TODAY

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Israel Not Trying To Buy M.E.

Jelke's Sentence Confirmed

New York, Dec. 20. The State Court of Appeals today confirmed the two- to three-year sentence imposed in April on Minot "Mikoy" Jelke, 25-year-old heir to a margarine fortune, for leading girls into compulsory prostitution.

The court threw out one of the two counts on which Jelke was convicted, but this made no difference to the length of the sentence.

Jelke, a member of New York's "Café Society", was sentenced to two to three years on each of two counts last April, the sentences to run concurrently. He entered prison in June.

One count charged Jelke with inducing Pat Ward, former call girl, to lead a life of prostitution. His conviction of this was affirmed.

The second count, on which conviction was reversed, accused Jelke of attempting to induce Marguerite Cordova into prostitution.

The court held today that Jelke had not established beyond a reasonable doubt a reasonable doubt. — China Mail Special.

Rumours Of New Plot In Argentine

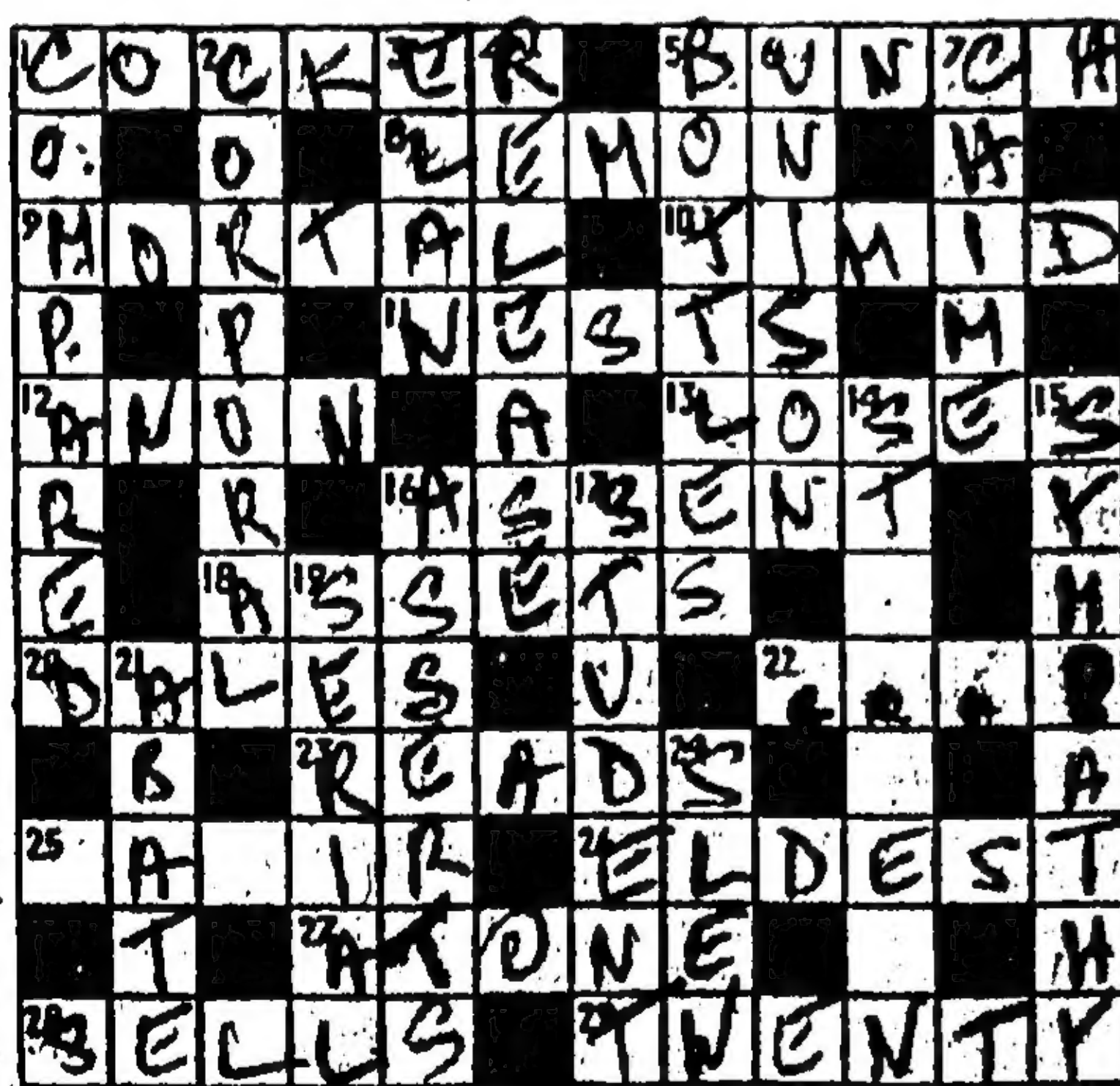
Buenos Aires, Dec. 20. Guards around Government House were strengthened today and additional security forces were sent to Buenos Aires International Ezeiza Airport amid a new spate of wild rumours concerning the latest counter-revolutionary plot.

Reports from Rosario, the country's second largest city, said Marine units had occupied the busy dock area on the Paraná River waterfront and that the local police and infantry garrison had been confined to barracks since last night.

The current state of suspense arose from last week's raids on Peronist centres in La Plata, Buenos Aires' provincial capital, in which up to 200 persons were reported to have been arrested.

Secure headlines in the newspaper El Laborista said the plot against the government of President Pedro Aramburu was due to break out just after Christmas. Other newspapers, however, played down or ignored the La Plata raids altogether. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Kind of spaniel (6).
 - Cluster (5).
 - Fruit (5).
 - Deadly (6).
 - Shy (5).
 - Birds' homes (6).
 - Before long (4).
 - Fails to win (5).
 - Agree to (6).
 - Property (6).
 - Valley (5).
 - Clutch (4).
 - Perines (5).
 - Animal (5).
 - First-born (6).
 - Make preparation (6).
 - Disposals (6).
 - Score (6).

- DOWN
- Licensed (6).
 - NCO (8).
 - Verve (4).
 - Set free (7).
 - Containers for liquid (7).
 - Concord (6).
 - Ring (5).
 - Fish (8).
 - Fellow-feeling (8).
 - Avoca (7).
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Secure, 5. Bacio, 8. Ajax, 9. Charts, 11. Image, 12. Measur, 14. Boda, 16. Lonks, 18. Abode, 19. Mand, 20. Indeed, 24. Antio, 25. Elders, 26. Toss, 27. Turns, 28. Tended, Down: 1. Back, 2. Cream, 3. Rats, 4. Kicks, 5. Brittle, 6. Starbed, 7. Cherish, 10. Saved, 13. Vallant, 14. Beguile, 16. Dignity, 17. Modest, 19. Modest, 21. Bess, 22. Deal, 23. Used.

Peace

EIGHT-POINT PLAN ONLY CLARIFYING THE SITUATION

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 20.

Israeli Foreign Ministry sources emphasised today that Israel was not trying to "buy peace" with the Arab nations, through its new eight-point peace plan for the Middle East.

The sources said that the plan, presented to the United States Department of State yesterday, was aimed at clarifying the Israeli position concerning a peace settlement with the Arab countries.

SALUTE FOR GERMAN GENERAL

Bonn, Dec. 20.

THREE British officers and a military policeman gave smart salutes at Moenchengladbach today to the highest soldier of West Germany's new army.

He is Lieutenant-General Adolf Heusinger, who was making his first visit in uniform to the headquarters of NATO's Second Allied Tactical Air Force and Northern Army Group.

The British officers, Major-General C. F. Coleman, Northern Army Group Chief of Staff, and his two aides, saluted before exchanging greetings in English with the General, who is chief of the West German Military Council.

Courtesy Visit

General Heusinger, German Army operations chief at the end of World War II, was on a courtesy visit to General Sir Richard Gale, Commander-in-Chief, Northern Army Group, and Air Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, commander of the Second Allied Tactical Air Force.

They talked for about 45 minutes in General Gale's office at the main headquarters building.

Later, General Heusinger, who has command of 718 officers and men, lunched with the two British commanders at the Air Marshall's residence. A German dish was served in his honour: Kassler Rippespeck (rib of boiled salt pork with sauerkraut and mashed potatoes). — Reuters.

Diplomatic circles here thought that there was little chance that Egypt would accept the Israeli proposals, because of Israel's preliminary condition that direct talks be held between Israel and the Arab countries. Egypt has refused such talks.

Diplomats felt that the Israeli proposals constituted a reply to the mediation plan presented earlier this month by British Premier Sir Anthony Eden, which Israel opposes.

Several Concessions

The Israeli peace plan involved several concessions to the Arab countries, including the offer of a free zone in the port of Haifa to Jordan, and authorisation of transit across Israeli territory between Egypt and Jordan, and Egypt and Lebanon.

Sir Anthony hopes to have "a full discussion on the problems of the Middle East" at his forthcoming meeting with President Eisenhower, Mr. R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said today.

He was answering questions in the House of Commons on behalf of the Prime Minister, who is indisposed.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, a Labour member, had urged the Prime Minister to suggest to President Eisenhower the possibility of having a United Nations police force on both sides of the Israel-Arab frontiers.

Mr. Butler added that Sir Anthony did not wish to commit himself to any specific proposal in advance. — France-Press & Reuters.

SYRIAN AND ISRAELI

ENVOYS IN HEATED EXCHANGE

Yardly, Penn., Dec. 20. Issues in the tense Middle East were aired at Pennsylvania High School yesterday by two Syrian officials and an Israeli vice-consul, who refused to look at each other during the sharp exchange.

Vice-Consul Mohammed el Farra of Syria, a United Nations adviser, called on Israel to "internationalise" Jerusalem and make reparations to 80,000 Arabs who fled during the Arab-Israeli fighting.

Mr. Basil Herman, a member of the Israeli Office of Information, called el Farra's terms "unheard of in international relations." He claimed Arabs had "harassed us so that fishing and farming have become hazardous occupations."

The other Syrian official, Mr. Salah Traizi, alternate permanent UN delegate, said the Arabs did not recognise the legality of the Jewish State. The delegates arrived in separate trains, met separate reception committees and attended separate luncheons and press conferences. — United Press.



Miss Elfrida Eden, 15-year-old niece of British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, is shown during her ballet performance last week, part of a programme of children's ballet, mime and dancing given in aid of charity at the Scala Theatre, London. — Express Photo.

Tighter Controls Over Surplus Military Stores

London, Dec. 20.

Britain is enforcing more stringent controls on the export of surplus military equipment, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

He told his daily press conference that the stricter regulations would make it necessary to disclose the ultimate destination of such equipment.

The spokesman was answering questions about 15 former Valentine tanks bought as army surplus in Britain being shipped from the Belgian port of Antwerp to Egypt.

The shipment has roused some sections of the British press because the tanks sold as scrap have been reconditioned in Belgium.

Legal Problems

The spokesman, answering questions, said that Britain was unable because of "certain legal problems" to intervene in time to prevent the shipment from Antwerp.

Britain could not ignore the shipment because "it is our concern to see that nothing is done to stimulate an arms race in the Middle East."

Answering further questions, the spokesman said: "We have lightened up arrangements to prevent scrap war materials going to wrong destinations."

"We have in fact refused one licence for export, because it appeared that the material was going to a destination other than that declared to us."

A questioner in the House of Commons on December 12 was

told export licences were granted for the equipment concerned on the understanding that it would be used for civilian purposes. It had been reconditioned and re-exported as war material.

The British Government "are taking measures to prevent this evasion of our export licensing control," the House was told. — Reuters.

PROTEST OVER SHOOTING AT 'COPTER

Munsan, Dec. 20.

The United Nations Command today protested at the Military Armistice Commission meeting, against the "indiscriminate" shooting of a United Nations helicopter, east of Kaesong, on December 7.

United Nations officials said the helicopter flew over the Communist zone by mistake. They said it was not armed. — France-Press.

Portuguese India Statement

Dulles Does Not Intend To Withdraw

Lisbon, Dec. 20.

THE Foreign Minister, Dr. Paulo Cunha, made clear on arrival today that the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, still maintains that Portuguese territories in India are "provinces."

Dr. Cunha, who had been on a trip to the United States, Canada and France, said Mr. Dulles assured him of his attitude during the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Council meeting in Paris last week.

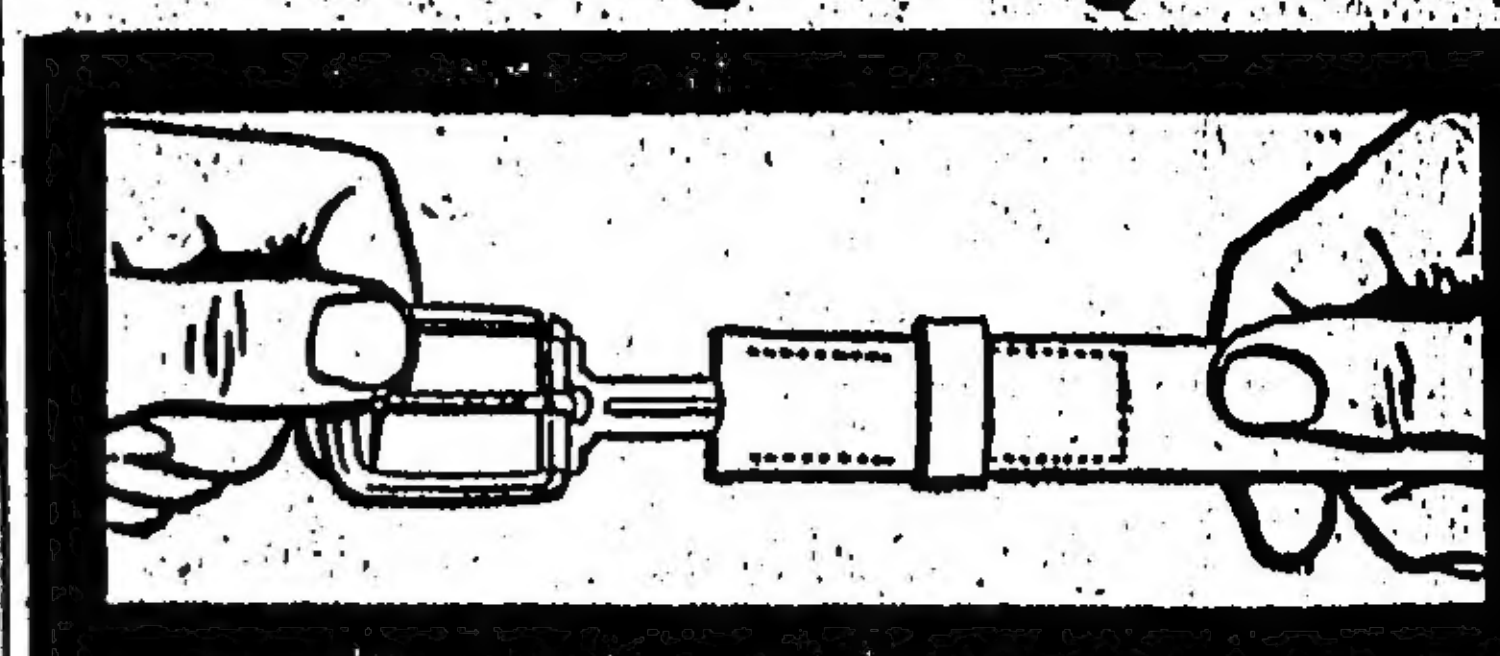
Mr. Dulles' statement on the "provincial" status of Portuguese India was contained in a joint communiqué published after his talks with Dr. Cunha in Washington earlier this month.

The communiqué raised a storm of protest in India. Dr. Cunha said Mr. Dulles told him during the NATO meeting that he did not intend to withdraw anything he said in the communiqué.

Members of the Revolutionary Socialist Party of India, a minor political organisation, today organised a demonstration outside the American Consulate-General in Calcutta. They were protesting against the joint communiqué issued in Washington.

Speakers criticised the United States "defence of colonialism," and demanded that Portugal be made to release Indian member of Parliament, Tridib Chaudhuri, who is imprisoned in Goa. — France-Press.

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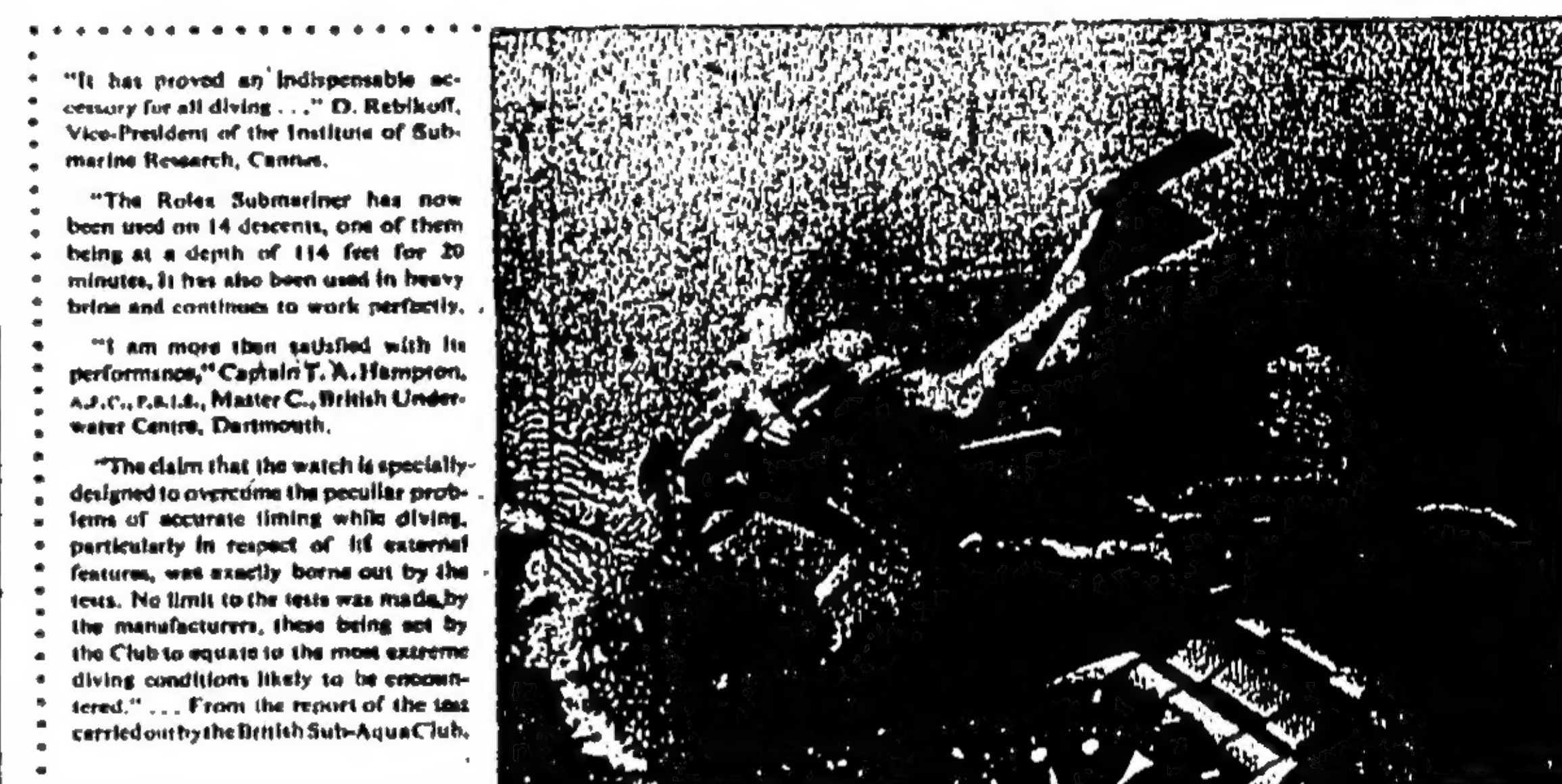
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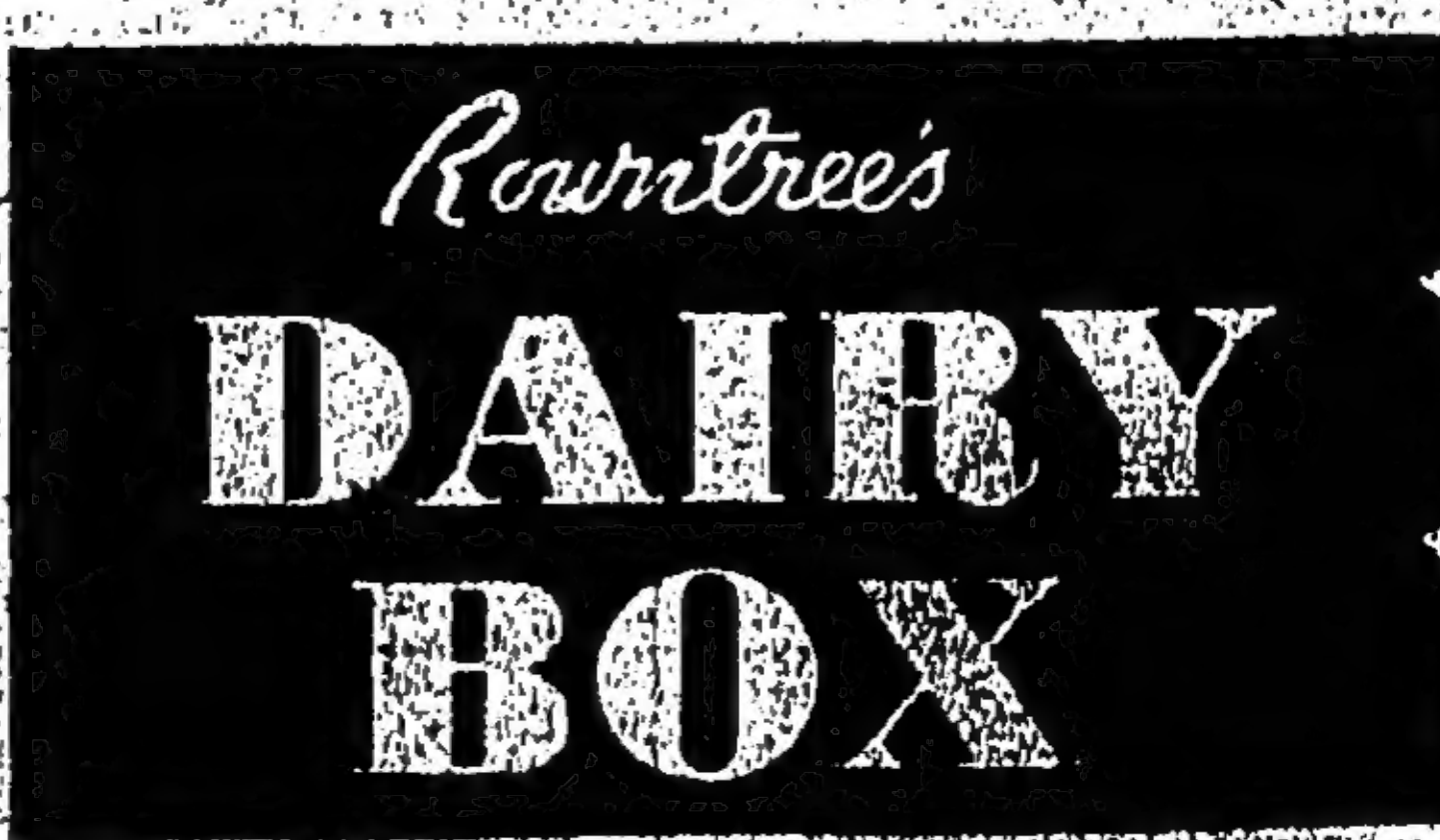
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RUSSIA ENDS BLACKOUT AT FINNISH BASE

Helsinki, Dec. 20.

The commander of the Soviet naval base of Porkkala outside Helsinki today informed the Finnish railways that they may run unshuttered trains through the area from tomorrow.

The trains, however, must still have their doors locked and be drawn by Soviet locomotives. Passengers were still forbidden to pass from one coach to another during the one-hour run through the base.

Earlier all trains had to have their windows blacked out with locked wooden shutters which made travellers refer to the journey as "riding through Europe's longest tunnel."

Russia has agreed to return Porkkala to Finland before the end of January, 1956. In exchange for a ten-year extension of the current Finnish-Soviet military assistance and friendship agreement.

Porkkala cuts the main railway line between Helsinki and Turku, Finland's second largest city and big southwest port.

Finland leased the area to Russia for 50 years under the 1945 armistice treaty and subsequent peace treaty.

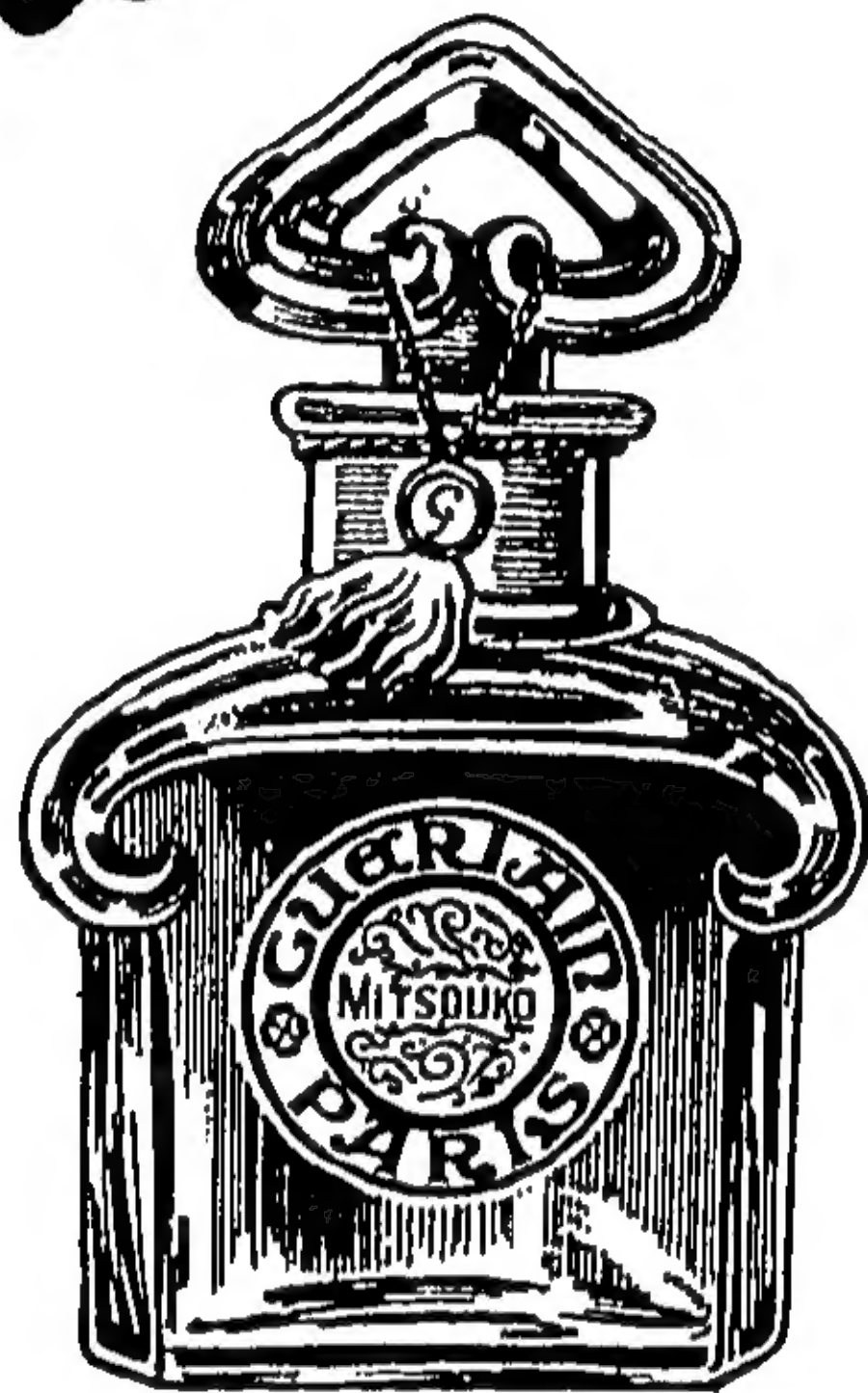
Reports here say that the Russians have evacuated all military equipment and stores from the base and that they will return it to Finland as a Christmas or New Year present. — Reuters.



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A REVISED INVITATION TO ENGLAND IN THE SPRING

By GEORGE GALE

WAY back in the lovely summer, on a July afternoon, Sir Anthony Eden told the House of Commons that he had invited Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev to come to England in the spring.

The first Geneva conference, the one at the Summit, had just ended, and gentle, soothing winds were blowing across the world.

"Making all possible reserve, I do believe that we have reduced tension by the Geneva conference," said Sir Anthony. Everybody felt nice and relaxed. Everyone was delighted to learn that Russia's two principal leaders were coming here.

The House of Commons cheered and settled back with a comfortable grin on its face. So did we all. A lovely summer.

• K •

BUT autumn came and with it the second Geneva conference. It grew chilly, the winds had teeth in them, the fog was with us. The West's Foreign Ministers talked week after week with Mr Molotov, Russia's Foreign Minister.

And at the end of it, when it came to the point, Russia could not agree with the West about Germany, about disarmament, about easier trade and cultural relations with each other.

After the first Geneva conference we were left with our heads in intoxicating Summit air.

After the second Geneva conference we landed with a bump on the ground.

• K •

WE were back where we started, only now we also had a hangover. Back with this uncomfortable tension, the Iron Curtain, the cold war. Back to wondering whether the glamorous phrase "peaceful co-existence" isn't becoming too much dirty words like "fellow-traveller" and "peace."

And then Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev went to India, where they have been having a fine time getting decorated with garlands of flowers, growing about their latest and most enormous bomb and shooting off more than a few mouthfuls about the wickedness of the West.

Hark at Mr Krushchev, standing immaculate on the lawns of the West India Turf Club in Bombay: "When the Soviet State was founded," he said, "the English came to our country, the French landed, the Americans followed the English

example, and so did the Japanese. All these troops were thrown out as a landlady throws garbage out of her house."

So far, apart from the intelligence of the language, fair enough perhaps. But then Mr Krushchev went on—

"That was not enough for these gentlemen. They started World War II, and sent the troops of Hitlerite Germany against our country. The Soviet Union conquered and won."

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EARLIER Marshal Bulganin attacked the West and said the Germans should be left to solve their own problem. A Foreign Minister spokesman here promptly called the marshal's point of view "thoroughly hypocritical."

Not very diplomatic language from the Foreign Office. Not very friendly language from Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev. And this pair are due to be entertained as our guests in the spring, after what looks like being a pretty chilly winter.

Should we cancel the visit? Should we tell these loud-mouthed men that we do not want them here?

Do we want a "thorough hypocrite" being wine and dined at Buckingham Palace? Do we want the free vodka of Mr Krushchev, who said we turned Hitler's thugs on Russia?

I go further and say don't wait for the spring. Invite them here for Christmas.

For after all, what with hydrogen bombs and cold wars, we haven't had much fun since that other crazy, much-loved kid, Hitler, made his exit from the low comedy stage.

During the war I wanted Hitler for Christmas. I wanted him as a funny uncle at a party eating carpets to amuse the children. I also wanted to see him in pantomime as the wicked uncle.

Funny Uncle Krushchev and Bulgy are just as amusing as dear old Schindler, particularly when they talk about history. They could name their own price for an appearance on any stage anywhere in England.

If they care to take my advice they would do their best in pantomime. Who would draw bigger audiences than Uncle Krushchev and Uncle Bulgy as the robbers in "The Babes in the Wood" or as the brokers in "Cinderella"?

The questions are being asked. Plenty of people answering with a resounding "No."

I think it's a pretty healthy answer. But I think it is the wrong answer.

• K •

NOW had these precious twins from the Kremlin been all sweetness and light in their speeches in India, I would have been nervous.

Had Mr Molotov made paper gestures to the West at the autumn Geneva conference and maintained the warmth of the summer Geneva I would have shivered a little.

Had the Foreign Office spokesman produced the usual coy nothing when asked to comment on Marshal Bulganin I would have had more than a few doubts.

Had the Kremlin halted its bomb programme and not exulted so blatantly in the power of its latest atomic explosion I would have said: "Keep them out. Fear the Russians bearing gifts. Fear the Russians when they speak sweetly and softly."

But now we know where we stand. Mr Krushchev and Marshal Bulganin have been brutal frank. We know what they think of us. We won't be taken in when Mr Krushchev tells us, like he told a journalist: "We have only the best feelings for England. You foreign journal-

ists always think we are your enemies, but that is untrue."

Is it, Mr Krushchev? Surely we are your enemies. Didn't we turn the Germans on you? We won't be fooled, Mr Krushchev, by a slap on the back at a party at your embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens in the spring.

We won't be fooled by the nice speeches Marshal Bulganin and you will make about peaceful co-existence. You are sure to make them.

We won't start thinking that you have suddenly become thoroughly nice people who believe you can live on friendly terms with us bourgeois capitalists. You may very likely tell us that, but in your hearts you believe that all you have to do is wait for the capitalist system to crumble for you to inherit the earth.

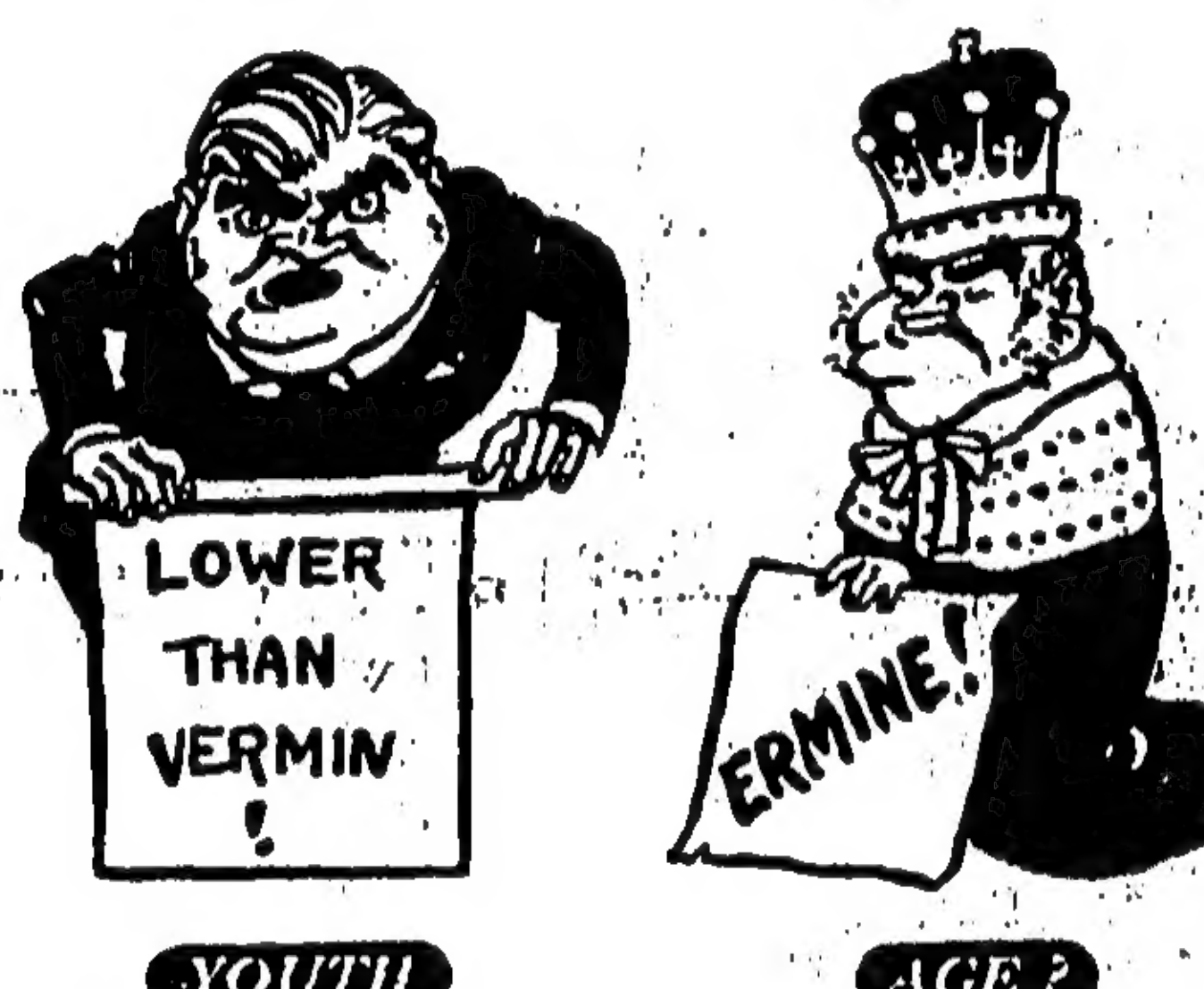
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COME, by all means, Mr Krushchev, and Marshal Bulganin. I don't suppose much good will come of the trip. But it can hardly do much harm, not now, not now you have told us where you stand and what you think. And when you're here, don't mince your words. Don't kid us that you like us, Mr Krushchev. Just say what you said in Bombay:—

"I do not like the capitalist system, but I recognise its de facto existence. Neither we nor the capitalist States want to make a trip Marewards."

Say that, Mr Krushchev. Say it over and over again.

SOME GET SO RESPECTABLE



BIG NAMES GATHER AT WORLD'S SMARTEST BAR

By HENRY THODM

EVERY night is a memorable night at the jewel-studded bar of Rome's elegant Excelsior Hotel, where the Big Names

gather. They give the bar its far-famed mystique. The jewel-studded bar is a place where the Big Names gather.

They say all roads lead to Rome. Well, for the star-dusted, the rich-as-Midas or the celebrities born to Fame, all roads certainly seem to lead to Rome's Excelsior.

More than a hotel, it is a deluxe, air-conditioned international rendezvous. By 8.30 every evening, even the most august of the stars to take a champagne cocktail or other costly potion to stimulate the appetite before a late dinner, and ready to attend to their wants, impeccably mixing the drinks behind his marble-topped bar, is Giovanni.

You may also see Lordy Mara Lane, the British girl who is now a fully-fledged star in Italian movies. In recent nights I have seen Queen Soraya of Persia, looking the equal in beauty of any seven-fingered hand.

I do not ask: How do I get there? For many of the customers in the world's richest bar have plane season tickets, or fly the Atlantic in their own aircraft.

One week they are going to be plentiful and, therefore, cheap. So the housewife of limited means, doing a bit of mental arithmetic behind her worried frown and counting madly on her work-worn fingers, plans a lavish Christmas dinner.

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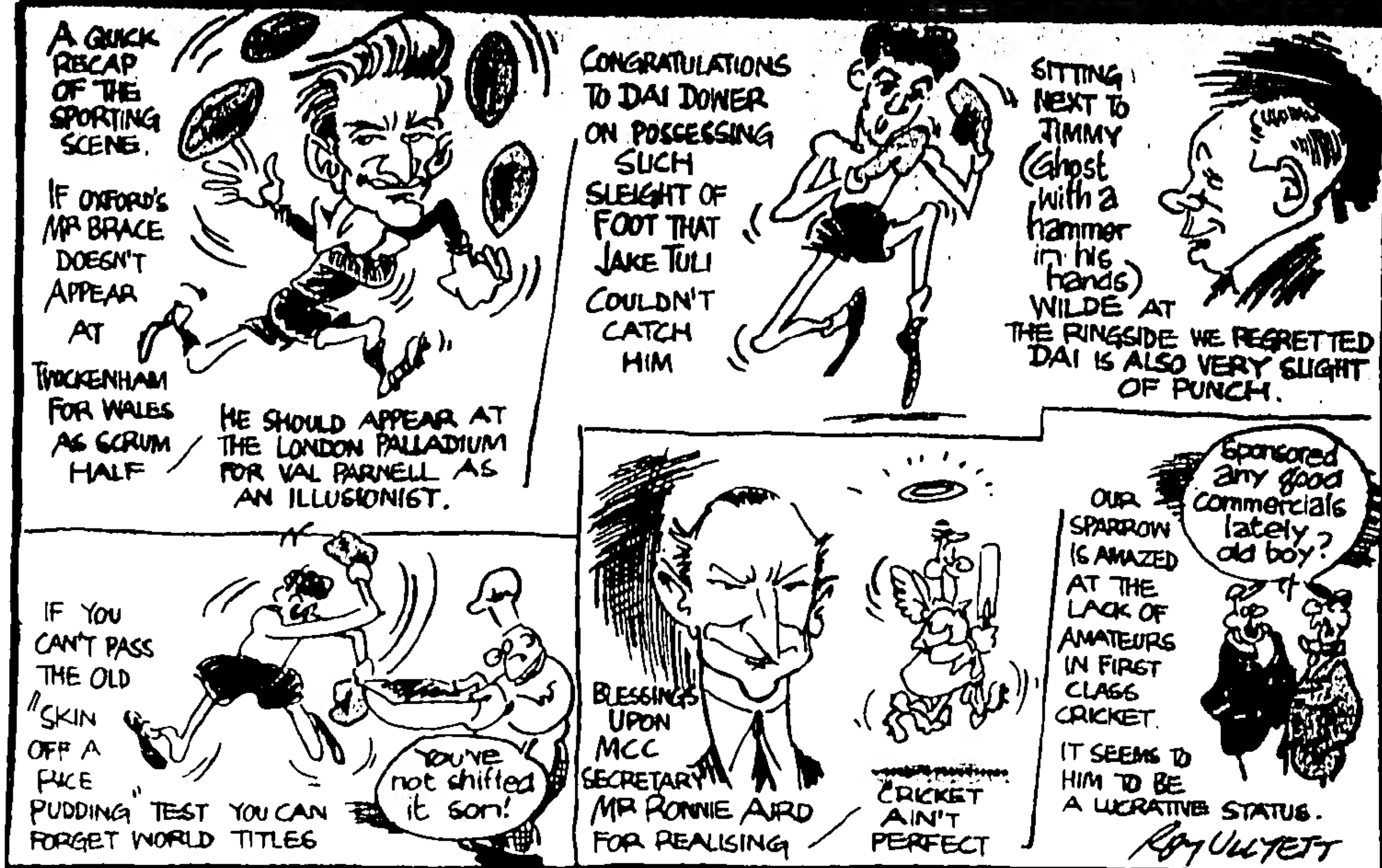
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Roy Uilyett... OFF WITH THAT HALO



COLUMN WITH A KICK

Buy Or Goodbye Arsenal

By DAVID JACK

If the Empire State Building started to totter, I do not imagine the custodians of that property would attempt to keep it on an even keel with a few shovels of cement.

This season, and during the past season or two, in fact, the mightiest structure in Soccer, at club level—Arsenal Football Club—has been crumbling.

The remedy, being applied by the guardians of the property manager Tom Whittaker and his directors, consists of some relatively inexpensive shovels of First and Third Division cement. No wonder thousands of High-bury habitues have been fleeing from the stricken super stadium before the whole lot comes tumbling down on their heads. No wonder, for the first time in a decade Arsenal season ticket holders are telling me they're undecided about renewing the most expensive seats of suffering in Soccer.

I imagined an Arsenal recovery being staged on the foundation of increased effort from the majority of the present first XI augmented by high-class imports from the Third Division talent fields. Now I'm not so sure.

MUST BUY

Arsenal must buy—and buy big. Manager Whittaker, whose signing of Cardiff City's Michael Tiddy and Gordon Nutt was certainly the oddest deal in post-war football, told me he wanted to get big-money men last season—but they were not available.

The situation has changed, players are on the market, and I am convinced that Arsenal could go out with the cheque book tomorrow morning and collect a pair of inside-forwards

who would completely transform the postcardian Highbury attack. Allan Brown (Blackpool), Willie Davies (Huddersfield Town), George Hurrell (Newcastle United), and Eddie Bailey (Spurs) have all been on offer during the past few weeks. A permutation of any two from four might so easily bring Arsenal a dividend of success which even John and Cecil Moore could hardly match.

The stake would be costly, perhaps as much as £30,000. But that would be cheaper in the long run than spending half as much for more consignments of stop-gap cement. Take the plunge, Tom.

Dramatic vow before Sunderland took the field against Moscow Dynamo came from Ken Chisholm. "I'm going out there to fight for my club."

Mr. "Which club?"

Chisholm: "Queen's Park, Partick Thistle, Leeds United, Leicester City, Coventry City, Cardiff City and Sunderland."

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Transvaal Beaten By 61 Runs In Currie Cup

Capetown, Dec. 20. A fine innings by Springbok batsman, Russell Endean, who hit an unbeaten 91, could not save Transvaal from a 61-run defeat by Western Province in their Currie Cup (Section A) match which ended at Newlands today.

Transvaal were faced with the difficult task in their second innings of scoring 272 runs in 270 minutes on a spinners' wicket. They made only 210.

At one stage Transvaal, with seven wickets down for 105, appeared to be in a hopeless position. But Morris Charman (22) and Endean put on 41 runs in an hour with a stubborn eighth wicket stand.

The last two wickets fell cheaply, however, and Endean finished unbeaten after batting for exactly three hours. He hit two sixes and nine fours.

Clive van Ryneveld starred in Western Province's victory. He followed up a sparkling knock of 80 by taking four wickets for 93 runs.

Springbok paceman Peter Heine was Transvaal's most effective bowler. He took five second innings wickets for 78 and finished with a match analysis of 10 for 180.

Scores: Western Province 277 (R. Westcott 88; Heine five for 72) and 178 (C. van Ryneveld 80; Heine five for 78).

Transvaal 182 and 210 (R. Endean 91 not out; Van Ryneveld four for 93)—China Mail Special.

THE GAMBOLS



Things Are Stirring In The World Of Golf Thanks To Little Dai Rees

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Things are stirring in the world of golf and although it will be the credit for the new progressive outlook, behind the scenes it is the foresight and energy of little Dai Rees which is chiefly responsible for the improvements.

To sum it up briefly, the Selectors of the professional and amateur teams of Great Britain will no longer be content to wait until the imminent approach of the Ryder and Walker Cup matches before they start their preparations. The new order is, once one match is over, plans and training must begin for the next.

Thus, with the Ryder Cup match against the United States only a few weeks behind them, the PGA are looking around for the nucleus of the next team in two years' time. Even greater activity prevails with the EGU who have a Walker Cup date with America in Britain next year.

The Chairman of the Selection Committee, Mr. Raymond Oppenheimer has always held a realistic outlook, both as player and an administrator, and he has slipped into gear his Committee by arranging for Dai Rees, who was the Ryder Cup Captain this year, and known-ledgeable Bill Cox, a former International, to start at once as official coaches for the next Walker Cup Team.

MATCH CONDITIONS

Rees, professional at South Herbs Club, will tour the four home countries, assessing and recommending amateurs under match conditions, and would be feel a player is a definite prospect, he will send him to Cox who will then go to work on him at the Fulwell Club, Hampton Court Ironing out the faults.

It will mean that Rees and Cox will be taken away occasionally from their lucrative club earnings, but they will be recompensed by the EGU.

Mr. Oppenheimer is forthright about it all. "The ten best amateurs in the country will be chosen eventually," he told us at a Press Conference, "whether they are Public School or artisans. Even if the ten best come from one country, or even from one district, they will be the ones chosen."

There will be no old school considerations in the future, as I am afraid there have sometimes been in the past. Social standing will not count, only performance.

Players will also be selected for temperament rather than classic strokes. Mr. Oppenheimer told me that a lot of credit for the suggestions belongs to Rees, who has entered into the idea with his usual enthusiasm.

Dave Hickson, Vic Groves and Jackie Sewell transferred at fabulous sums. Don Revie and Trevor Ford waiting to go, Eddie Bully, Johnny Gorm, Tommy Hunter, Allan Brown, transfered. What a flurry there is among inside forwards. Six Internationals in that selected list alone.

Why should it be when clubs are crying out that good inside-forwards are as extinct as the Dodo. Of course, they are not.

MCC Team Only A Day Out From Karachi

Aboard the liner Crenshaw, Dec. 20. The MCC's "A" team, only a day out from Karachi, are all thoroughly fit and eager to begin practice for their tour of Pakistan.

They are due at Karachi tomorrow and will open their tour on December 26 against Karachi Cricket Association.

The players distinguished themselves in the ship's sports and fancy dress competition. They took part in the Surrey team's transfered, in the table tennis final, and Brian Close beat his captain, Donald Carr, at quoit tennis.

Winners of fancy dress prizes were Alan Moss, the biggest member of the team, and Roy Swetman, the smallest, as "mother and baby".

Alan Watkinson and Carr dressed as St. Trinian school girls—China Mail Special.

TYPICAL EXAMPLE

A typical example are Arsenal who thrived on James Bowden, Jack Buchanan, Leslie Lohman—all bought at a high price except Leslie. Now they have no one and cannot find one to buy.

Arsenal and Portsmouth travelled back on the same train to London after they had played Birmingham City and West Bromwich Albion and had both been beaten 4-0. Manager Tom Whittaker and Eddie Lever commiserated with each other over the dearth of inside forwards. Someone suggested buying one. Whittaker said: "Where are they?" Lever said: "We cannot afford it."

Eddie Lever, Tommy Harmer and Allan Brown were recommended as possible rescuers. "Too old," "too small," "not 100% fit" were the objections in that order.

The two managers were not the only people commiserating with each other. The goalkeepers were at it. Current Internationals, too. Ireland's Norman Uphreard, of Portsmouth, said he was to blame for West Bromwich's first and third goals. Jack Kelsey, of Wales and the Arsenal, blamed himself for Birmingham's second and third. Confession is good for the soul, it is said, but you do not get it often from professional footballers, let alone from two men who are their respective countries' choices of the moment.

Yet down among the men of the Third Division goal-scoring is being made easy by inside-forwards. Derby County have scored 35 times in 20 League matches. Ron Heekin, of Leyton Orient, has got 20 in his last five games. Brighton, with 61 Cup and League goals, have notched 26 in their last five games—the season's most prolific run.

"Get Tough" Policy Announced By Australian LTA

Melbourne, Dec. 20. A new "get tough" policy on the payment of expenses to amateur players making private tours overseas was announced tonight by the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia.

It means that Lew Hoad and Marvyn Rose, who have agreed a private trip with their wives for next year, will have to give to the Association before they leave an account of the expenses they expect to receive from tournaments.

The policy has been framed to prevent amateurs receiving lucrative expenses from tournaments.

Under the new regulations, any Australian making a private tour must apply for permission to do so, supply a list of the overseas events in which he expects to compete and give an estimate of the expenses he expects to receive for each tournament. Failure to do so could cause a player to lose his amateur status.

The player's wife is also involved. She cannot receive expenses outside Australia unless she complies with certain regulations. Infringement of the regulations could cause her husband to be declared a professional.—China Mail Special.

MIGHTY HORDES

The Football Pools are falling on their knees to sponsor Britain's Olympic Games team. And it will not cost them a penny, for their offers will never be accepted. The various sporting national bodies have set their faces sternly against any such overtures.

The Amateur Athletic Association, the Amateur Boxing Association, the Amateur Swimming Association, the National Cyclists' Union and so on have all turned down this method of financing Britain's representation in this latest Olympic event.

Unhappily the Government has also decided against financial aid, and so our contingent, will look rather meagre on Opening Parade Day, dwarfed by the mighty hordes who represent the United States and Soviet Russia.

Torch light the Olympic Flame uncomfortably conscious that they are therein tens compared with their rivals' hundreds—and this is the first time the great event has ever been held in a Commonwealth country.

So the problem remains at present unsolved. Every branch of sport has had to overhaul its outlook since economic necessity has killed the old Corinthians. How else if there was just one more readjustment before Melbourne and a representative team were sent of respectable numerical strength.

Singapore Beaten In Fourth Table Tennis "Test"

Bangalore, Dec. 20. India beat Singapore by three matches to one in the fourth table tennis "Test" here tonight. Singapore also lost by the same margin to Hungary in their next match.

India and Hungary meet tomorrow in the deciding game. Hungary has so far won two matches and India one.

Results: India vs Singapore (Indian names first): Yatin Vyas beat Poon Weng-hoe 21-15 21-16.

Vyas beat Loh Heng-chew 21-17 21-10.

U. M. Chandramma lost to Loh Heng-chew 21-15 22-24 14-21.

Chandramma and Vyas beat Poon Weng-hoe and Loh Heng-chew 21-12 24-22.

Singapore vs Hungary (Singapore first): Loh Heng-chew lost to F. Sido 14-21 10-21.

Poon Weng-hoe beat Koozian 21-16 21-16.

Loh Heng-chew lost to Koozian 14-21 10-21.

Poon Weng-hoe and Loh Heng-chew lost to Sido and Koozian 15-21 14-21.—Reuter.

Malayan Indians Score 5-4 Win At Badminton

The visiting Malayan Indians badminton team last night defeated a Hongkong Indians side 5-4.

Following were the results: Singles: Surjit Rag (M) beat M.A. Ebrahim (HK), 15-12; lost to George Ma (HK), 9-15.

S.A.L. Gonzaga (M) beat Ebrahim 15-6; beat Ma 15-12. Baljit Singh (M) lost to B.M. Hedge 8-15.

Doubles: Harbars and Surjit Rag (M) lost to Ebrahim and George Ma 6-21; beat Z.A. Abbas and B.M. Hedge 21-15.

Gonzaga and Thillaimachan (M) lost to Ebrahim and George Ma 13-21; beat Abbas and Hedge 21-9.

Football League Matches Under Floodlights?

Football League matches under floodlight are almost a certainty for next season. The League's management committee, after a five-hour session in London last week, said that floodlight soccer had been No. 1 talking point. There was no official statement.

Mr. Fred Haworth, the League secretary, said: "We are frankly alarmed at the falling gates and the decreasing attraction of the League competition."

Although there was no complete agreement, the League will probably suggest these methods for boosting gates next season—

1. League matches by floodlight when both teams agree;

2. Floodlighting during a match to enable a later start;

3. A new League system to include a Third Division with South Midlands, and Northern sections.

The soccer chiefs will again tackle the case of the vanishing millions at meetings next month and in February.

A Bring-back-the-fans Charter will be sent to the clubs at a meeting in March. Final decisions will be made at the annual general meeting of clubs in June.

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Jackie McGlew Elected "Sportsman Of The Year"

Johannesburg, Dec. 20. Jackie McGlew, dynamic little Springbok opening batsman and vice-captain of the cricket team which toured England recently, was elected South Africa's "Sportsman of the Year" at a banquet of the Rand Sportswriters Society here tonight.

McGlew faced a formidable challenge from the five other nominees—Tom von Vollenhoven (Rugby Union), Mrs. Sylvia Dyne (bowls), Alton Jennings (athletics), Gordon Frew (soccer) and Willie Towell (boxing).

McGlew played a vital part in the Springbok's success in England last summer. After the South Africans had been beaten in the first two Tests he took over the leadership from the injured Jack Cheetham and captained the side to victory in the third and fourth Tests at Leeds and Manchester.

In both matches he scored a century, and finished the tour by leading the batting averages.

McGlew was run a close second in the balloting, however, by Rugby Union wing three-quarter Von Vollenhoven, who scored four spectacular tries against the touring British Lions this year.

Von Vollenhoven also represented Transvaal as sprinter against a touring West German athletic side and was in the relay team which set a new British Empire record of 41.1 seconds for four by 110 yards.—China Mail Special.

Gardner 'Yes' To Erskine

Joe Erskine, the unbeaten Cardiff Heavyweight will meet Jack Gardner, (Market Harborough), the former British Heavyweight Champion, in Birmingham in February.

Alex. Grant, Glasgow promoter, said the two boxers agreed to terms this week.

Gardner's manager, John Simpson, said: "Gardner is ready to take fights up to within two months of meeting Don Cockell for the British title in April. The bout with Erskine will suit us fine."—London Express Service.

World Table Tennis Championships

Stockholm, Dec. 20. Sweden will stage the 1957 World Table Tennis Championships at the Royal Tennis Hall here. It was announced today.—China Mail Special.

Rubbing It In

Nottingham Rangers just have playing Helmsford United. Early in the season Helmsford won a Cup against them 17-1 and now they have followed it up with a League victory of 11-4. Wonder what the score will be in the return League match in January.

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Out on his own as claimant to The Spot of Honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week is Craftsman Michael Nash who scooped the pool in the Colony Non-Chinese Table Tennis Championships at the Missions to Seamen last Friday evening.

Nash took the premier trophy in the Men's Singles by 3 games to 1 after a hard tussle with Y. Khan, who was also runner-up in 1954. Khan played a sound and steady defensive game, but Nash's tremendous reach and his driving power on both the fore and back hands eventually swung the play in his favour.

Nash and Khan teamed up to win the Men's Doubles event in this final they were really extended and won very comfortably.

The Mixed Doubles, in which he partnered Mrs. Yates—the wife of an Army Officer—brought Nash his third success of the evening, although on this occasion it was tough and on right to the end.

To complete his sweep of the board Nash teamed up with Khan and Taylor to win the team event for the European Table Tennis Club and so complete a memorable achievement.

FAST BOWLER

In spite of his outstanding ability as a table tennis player, Nash is probably best known for his prowess as a fast bowler in the successful Army South side. In a broadsheet interview after the show at the Missions to Seamen he said that he was leaving the Colony at the beginning of January and cricket as well as table tennis will be the poorer for his going.

Hockey enthusiasts from every section of the community will be out in strength this afternoon when the visiting Malayan Indians tackle the Combined Services on the Army Ground at Sookunpoo.

The visitors have already shown themselves to be players of quality and as the Combined Services will also field a strong side a grand game seems assured. Toss-off is at 4 o'clock.

The Army football team continues to enjoy a good run and the players are now producing the form—and getting the results—that proved so elusive earlier in the season. The return of skipper Crompton to the centre-half position, and the move of Mullett to left-back have worked wonders in the defence.

Mullett's speed in recovery and Crompton's hard tackling and timely interventions have imparted a feeling of confidence to the players around them and the team has in consequence played more profitable and points-gathering football.

Wing halves McInnes and Tolfe—so very different in style—have had a big say in the general improvement in the side and on present form McInnes has few if any superiors in his position in the Colony.

It is a matter for some regret that young Haydock, who has made an important contribution to the better forward play in recent games, will be leaving the Colony soon.

The blow of his departure is, however, softened by the news that Craftsman Chalmers, who was badly injured during the game against South China at Caroline Hill early in the season, had a successful first outing in the 'B' team against the Police on Saturday.

Chalmers, who is a strong forceful forward, needs only a game or two to be right back in his best form.

BIG TASK AHEAD

The soldiers have a big task ahead of them this week when they meet the powerful KMB side at Caroline Hill on Saturday. The sides met in the opening weeks of the season when neither of them were showing very good form and after a poor game the Army were down by 2 goals to 1.

Both teams have now made a fine recovery from their indifferent start and this return match has all the ingredients of a top class affair.

It is anticipated that the side will be on the same lines as last week when two goals by Morris and one by Haydock took them through to a 3-nil victory over the Police.

One of the most popular dates on the Athletic calendar is the R.A.M.C. Annual Meeting. This season it will take place on Wednesday, February 22, and the organisers are planning to make the 'Open Mile' a very special attraction.

The event will, in accordance with tradition, be open to runners from all three services, and it is intended to send personal invitations to some of the top runners in the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force.

If the invitations are accepted it may well be that the Medical 'Open Mile' will be

Sports Diary

TODAY

Hockey
Malayan Indians v Combined Services at Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.
Malayan Indians v C.M.C.A. at Indian Recreation Club, 8 p.m.
League: 1st Division RAF v Navy, 1.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Hockey
Malayan Indians v Macao, Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.
Malayan Indians v CCC at Happy Valley, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Hockey
1st Division: Police v Kwong Wah (B), KMB v Army (CH), Club v R.A.F. (Club), all matches at 3.30 p.m.
2nd Division: Police v Kwong Wah (B), KMB v Army (CH), Club v R.A.F. (Club), all matches at 3 p.m.
3rd Division: R.A.M.C. v Gymnasium, Talcoo v R.A.M.C. at Happy Valley, 2.15 p.m.
KMB v Bockyard, Soldiers v Police, Happy Valley at 3.45 p.m.
4th Division: Caroline Hill v R.R. at 3 p.m. (H.V.).
Hockey
Malayan Indians v Combined Services (Sookunpoo) 4 p.m.

RICHEST FOOTBALLER

Hans Jeppson once came to England and saved Charlton Athletic from relegation. Since then he has earned himself £40,000 in two years in Italy. He got £18,000 for himself when he left Sweden for Atalanta (Turin), a third of a £62,500 transfer fee when he went to Naples, and recently a further £12,500 for re-signing for another two years. He will get an additional £2,000 bonus if his club finishes in the first five in the League, and his salary on top of all that is £2,000 a year!

ARMY CRICKET XI

The following players have been selected to represent the Army team in their cricket against Hongkong Cricket Club on Tuesday, December 27, at 11 a.m. The game will be played on the Chater Road ground: Major Howard-Dobson, Capt. Richardson, Capt. Withall, Lt. Bedson, Lt. Lipescumbe, Lt. Crook, 2/Lt. C. J. Morton, RSM Martin, Tpr. Greenhalgh, Cln Nash, 12th man: 2/Lt. Carruthers and umpire Capt. Hall.

JAMES PARK SPOTLIGHTS

3-YEAR-OLDS OF 1956

Edmundo One Of Our Hopes For Next Year's 2000 Guineas

It is unusual to find fillies dominating the two-year-olds in England and France. Star of India is rated 7 lb. better than the best of the colts on a weight-for-age basis in England, and Apollonia is in a similar position in France.

Despite that it is the colts who always command most attention as prospects for the future. One never knows how fillies will fare in their second season.

A year ago Gloria Nicky was rated the equal of the best colts. She failed completely to live up to her reputation as a three-year-old.

There was some trouble with her teeth which prevented her running in the 1,000 Guineas. When that was overcome there was no semblance of the brilliance she showed as a two-year-old.

She won one moderate race, and was retired after Ark Royal had given her 12lb. and a five-length beating at York. As Moid in the Oaks it is easy to see how far Gloria Nicky had fallen from her former high estate.

THE BEST

On Free Handicap reckoning Gloria Nicky's half-brother, Edmundo, is the best of the two-year-old colts. Will he train off to the same extent? That is a problem which can be solved only when Edmundo makes a first appearance as a three-year-old.

I discountenance any suggestion that Gloria Nicky's experience can have any influence on the future of her half-brother. I have every confidence in Edmundo thriving during the winter months.

If he does, he should at least make normal progress. The colts took part in three races and improved in appearance each time.

He won at Newbury in June without having to be asked, a serious question. He was ridden from behind in the July Stakes at Newmarket, but quickened for the lead going into the Dip which was in no danger up the hill.

His next and only other race was in the Middle Park Stakes. As I was walking across the paddock after the race, I noticed that the horse was in the best of his form.

Edmundo's half-brother, Norman, is a good runner. Edmundo's "What do you think of them?" asked Bertie. I told him that whatever the result of the race, I liked Edmundo best of all the prospects for the future and that I did not think he had

One Of England's Most Promising Batsmen...

Michael Smith Moves To Warwickshire

By ALL-ROUNDER

Leicester-born Michael J. K. Smith, one of the most promising young batsmen in England today, who will captain Oxford University next summer, has been assisting Leicestershire for the past two seasons after the University match, but he will turn out for another County in future.

He has just joined the Warwickshire staff in an administrative position and, with the retirement of Tom Dollery, is confidently expected to take over the captaincy.

Leicestershire were anxious to retain him as a player, but in a statement the County club says: "It was not possible to find him a sufficiently attractive commercial job and we were prepared to offer him administrative employment, but unfortunately the attractive here did not measure up to that of Warwickshire—a large club with Test match status."

"The decision had to be up to Michael in his future interests and we cannot and do not grumble at his decision," Smith, 22 years of age, a sound right-hand opening batsman with a wide range of strokes, hit 201 not out in the Varsity match in 1954 and 104 last July—only the third player to score a double century and a single hundred in the history of the series.

The Nawab of Patandul and A. Ratcliffe were his predecessors. He may well be in the running for Test honours before long. He is also an outstanding rugby player, getting his Blue at full-back last year. In this year's Varsity match he is playing at stand-off half and is a most important cog in the Dark Blues' unorthodox attack.

HER LAST RALLY

Seven British women's teams have entered for the gruelling Monte Carlo Rally. Women's Champion, Miss Sheila Van Damm, will be taking part in her last rally as leader of the Sunbeet women's team. With her will be two Yorkshire women, Mrs. Anne Hall, of Huddersfield, and Mrs. Yvonne Jackson, of Thorne.

Cherry Osborn, wife of a Stockford rally driver, will lead another of the teams, and Mrs. Lola Grounds, of Sutton Coldfield, will be her co-driver.

The British Motor Corporation has entered a team of eleven cars, consisting of six Austins, three Rileys and two MG's. Rootes Group have entered three Sunbeets, Stenards, a team of four cars, and Fords, six. Only 95 of the 300 British drivers who applied to take part could be accepted. The Rally is in January.

After years of hopeful anticipation, Middlebrough has been granted a County match next summer for the first time. Yorkshire will meet Glamorgan at the Acklam Park ground on July 28, 30 and 31 during the Tees-side holiday period. An intensive effort is being made by local enthusiasts to turn the County Ground into one fit for first-class cricket. £4,000 has been raised by local subscription and it is hoped to collect another £8,000.

Work on an embankment and terracing is now in full swing, and by next July there should be seats and accommodation for 10,000 spectators.

Middlebrough has been getting crowds of 3,000 for mid-week Minor Counties games and is confident that at least three times that number will come for a County Championship game.

Football directors are always depleted in top hats sitting in plush seats. Not Mr. Neilson, Sunter, (Lancs). He was in his accustomed seat in the Directors' Box when it was announced that Neilson was a man short. So Mr. Sunter turned out and scored the winning goal!

Gordon Stones, Accrington full-back, was moved into the forward line against Liverpool Marine because of an eye injury. He promptly scored two goals in five minutes, and the forward who took his place at back, Jimmy Mason, was the outstanding defender.

Harry Warren has just started his twelfth year as Southend United's manager. During that time every other club in the Third Division South has changed its manager at least once—some of them three or four times. Yet in his playing days Harry was a rover—Blackpool, Exeter, Merthyr, Sheffield United, Notts County and Folkestone.

Jack Rowley will shortly complete twenty uninterrupted years of Football League professional service. Now player-manager of Plymouth Argyle, Jack became a Wolverhampton player in November 1935, went to Manchester United and scored four goals in his only appearance as England's centre-forward. He and his brother Arthur (Leicester), Tommy Lawton and Charlie Wayman are the only players with 200 League goals to their credit. Mortensen, Briggs, Sewell, and Connor can join them this season.

Ted Platt and Charlie Dore were goalkeepers with Portsmouth last season. Ted first team, Charlie second. Platt went to Aldershot; Dore to Worcester City. Now Platt has transferred to Worcester and displaced his former colleague.

STILL GOING

Tibbington and Parks Hall have been six hours playing their Tipton League Cup tie, each still it is undecided. Each match has ended in a goalless draw. By different in the nearby Redditch League, Edmundo won 18-2 away from home. While in the neighbouring Sutton League seven matches have produced 96 goals for Wilneote Youth Club.

Clyde FC changed their club colours from white to red this season, and they have not won a Scottish League game in them as yet. Twice they have had to change back to their old white shirts because of a clash of colours—against Aberdeen and Stirling—and each time they won. While in the floodlight friendly with Manchester United they were 0-1 down at halftime, changed into white because they were drenched and won 2-1. Why not white always, Clyde?

Nobody knew that when Sunderland played Moscow Dynamo their goalkeeper Willie Fraser was suffering from a cold. This Scottish match was the first time Fraser had been attacked by an American.

Whether he will stay well enough for the Derby is a debatable point. He is by Owen Tudor, who won the substitute Derby and Gold Cup at Newmarket during the war.

The dam Weightbridge, is bred purely on sprinting lines, being by Fortlaw out of the Gold Bridge mare, Golden Way.

There have been some lines in the past, but the middle-distance performers, but until it has been proved to the contrary, I prefer to regard Edmundo's main hope of winning a classic race as in the hands of the future.

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RN STILL TRAINS 'COCKLESHELL' WARRIORS Commando, Frogman And Midget Submarines

London, Dec. 20.

A new British film, "Cockleshell Heroes," has focussed the limelight on one aspect of naval warfare in which the Royal Navy specialises more highly than any other of Britain's partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

This is the training of the self-reliant individual to operate in a small team or even alone as a one-man unit of attack, proving that the Commando, the "Frogman," or the midget submariner, is not outmoded in this electronic-atomic age.

In three particular fields of naval and amphibious warfare the Royal Navy produces the fighting individual. Two of these fields are, in peacetime, monopolised by "Britain's Sea Soldiers," the Royal Marines, under the Admiralty, but the third remains an essentially naval reserve.

Basic Drill

These specialised training fields are for Commandos, Swimmers - Canoeists - more popularly called "frogmen" - and the men of the midget submarines called X-craft.

On the wind-swept hills above Plymouth and the historic naval base of Devonport is the Royal Marine Commando School where every recruit to the Marines is put through training as a Commando as soon as he has acquired his basic drill on the parade ground.

The training includes toughening time tests over a remarkable obstacle course called "The Tarzan Course" because of the acrobatic feats which it involves - such as swinging from tree to tree by ropes or crossing high over a swift-running mountain stream along a single rope line with a scientific balancing grip known as the "Panther Crawl."

There are also "rocky beach landings" to put a raiding force ashore silently and secretly in assault motorboats, cliff-climbing, black-faced and cat-footed night raids, on "enemy" strongpoints, working across unknown countryside in supposedly hostile territory by map and compass, and that last really individual aspect of warfare called unarmed combat.

Variety Of Craft

The swimmer-canoeists, who develop tremendous endurance in their underwater swimming and long distance canoe-peddling, are the elite of another Royal Marine school, the school for amphibious warfare at Eastney, near another famous English south coast naval base, Portsmouth.

At the same establishment at Eastney are trained the marines who handle a variety of craft from the assault motorboats and dorys for "froggy beach" landings to the landing craft which will put armoured vehicles ashore on a beach-head in enemy territory.

But it is the swimmer-canoeist, or frogman, who is the pride of the war school at Eastney. His task does not end merely for muscular skills, and his training includes seamanship, navigation and tactics. In all his operations, he must be able to assess a situation swiftly, act on split-second timing and carry on in the face of adversity.

Great Tradition

Only a few miles away from Eastney are the headquarters of the third variety of fighting individualists, the men of the midget submarines technically known as X-craft. These are essentially men of the Royal Navy proper, as distinct from the Royal Marines, and as members of the submarine branch of the Service their headquarters are in Fort Blockhouse, old fortifications guarding the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour.

The young men of these miniature submarines, with their crews of four or five, have a great tradition to sustain, even though it goes back only to the middle of World War II.

It was X-craft towed across the stormy waters of the North

Sea which attacked and crippled the German battleship Tirpitz, hidden deep in a Norwegian fjord in 1943.

It was another midget submarine which penetrated a minefield to knock out a Japanese cruiser in a supposedly safe and shallow anchorage close to Singapore in July 1945.

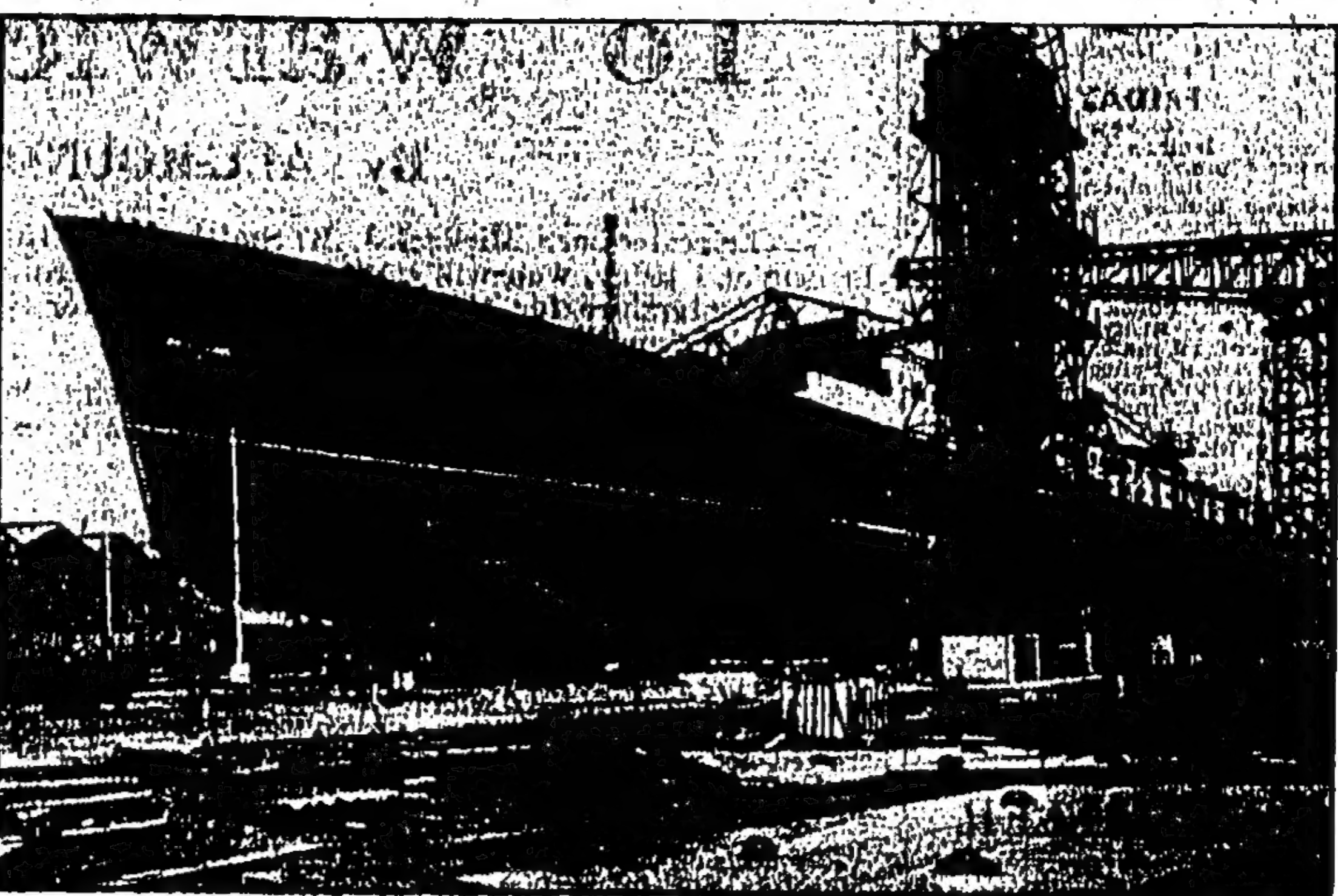
This sort of attack by a small group of men packed into a tiny space full of machinery also calls for a high degree of individual skill, enterprise and courage. It was well illustrated in another film, "Above us the Waves," in a realistic reproduction of the attack on the Tirpitz.

Secret List

Although details of new X-craft built for training in the past few years are on the secret list, it is stated that there are no great changes, though plenty of improvements, on the war-time midget submarines.

In all these fields, Britain's developments attract much interest from her allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation who send officers and ratings to visit the various schools. Only recently the Royal Navy sent one of its X-craft to the United States for the American Navy to examine and test - China Mail Special.

Just Before The Champagne



Awaiting the royal bottle of champagne on her bows in the stocks is the new 22,000-ton Cunard liner Carinthia, which was launched by

Princess Margaret last week. The vessel is the third of four new liners for the Cunard run to Canada - Central Press Photo.

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There will be no delivery on Monday but there will be one general delivery commencing at 10 a.m. and one collection from all pillar boxes on Tuesday.

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Ceylon, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, 1 p.m.
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North Borneo, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Iraqi Court Shows Its Wisdom

Bagdad, Dec. 20.
Two husbands posed the Baghdad courts a curious problem today.

Husband Number One, Jassem Latif, asked the court's permission to give his 15-day-old son to his friend, El Albi Zaur.

Latif, whose wife had died giving birth to the child, said the child would die of hunger if someone did not care for it. "I have no family who can look after it," said Latif, "and I myself am starving."

Husband Number Two, El Albi Zaur, a street news-vendor, said he had been married three times in 12 years, but had no children. He was willing to enter into an undertaking, he said, to take the child under his complete charge.

The court ruled that Latif forfeit his right to the boy, whom they permitted El Albi Zaur to legally adopt - France Press.

Increasing Tendency For Teen-Age Pupils To Marry

San Francisco, Dec. 20.

An increasing tendency for teen-age boys and girls in California High Schools (equivalent to the British Grammar School and the continental Lycee) is causing concern among the educational authorities. While the couples may achieve happiness through wedlock, they are presenting their teachers with a considerable problem.

Dr Judson Landis of the University of California, and Kenneth Kidd, as research assistant in family sociology at the University, have published these conclusions after a lengthy investigation of teen-age marriage in secondary schools in California.

The school officials are particularly concerned about teen-age marriages because statistics have disclosed "without exception a higher divorce rate and a lower happiness rate among people married in their teens than among people who marry at later ages."

for women. In 1954, four-tenths of one per cent of boys and 4.8 per cent of girls 14 to 17 years of age in the United States were married.

The sociologists have decided that there are several reasons for this decreasing marriage age. They include: increased economic prosperity, the threat of war and military service, the imagined man shortage which encourages girls to marry before the boys go into the armed services, the increased emphasis among film stars and in magazines on the importance of marriage and having children.

Courses

They admit, however, that there is not much that they can do about it. "We have to face the facts as they are in 1955," Doctors Landis and Kidd agree. "Many young people are marrying early. They are going to have more problems than they would have had if they waited until they were older."

Education experts have therefore decided that the only thing they can do is to offer constructive courses in "marriage" to their students, in the hope that the teen-agers may acquire sufficient experience secondhand to guide them round the pitfalls of early marriage.

The University of California survey revealed that it may be necessary to offer courses in "marriage" and "family living" in elementary schools, if the teaching is to have a chance to be applied. For the marriage age is decreasing every year.

In 1890, the average age at first marriage for men was 23.1 years and for women 22 years. In 1955, these ages had dropped to 22.5 for men and 20 years

Lax Discipline

The school administrators have other explanations for early marriage. They say that it is caused by "lax parental care, discipline, and supervision."

Discussing the reasons for teen-age marriage, only two of the several hundred school principals contributing to the University survey mentioned pre-marital pregnancy as a factor.

Because of their uncertainty on just how to handle this problem of marriage in the teen-age class room, each school principal seems to have a different attitude towards discipline.

A small minority of them urge their married students to resign from classes.

About half of them ignore the marriage.

The remainder usually "encourage" the married student, especially the girl-wife, to leave school.

Those principals who were outspoken on the problem based their interest on the fact that their considered married students in the class room a problem because the married teen-agers "discuss marital sexual experiences with other, unmarried students."

Not Permitted

Other principals were negative toward teen-age marriages because it resulted in "irregular attendance," which brought the school administrator into conflict with another law.

All teen-age students of California are required to attend school until they are 16 years of age. But another section of Californian law defines married individuals under 18 years of age, as adults - and adults are not permitted to attend California's secondary schools.

In the case of married and pregnant teen-age wives, the school principals have another conflict of law to meet.

There is the law that requires a girl to attend school until she is 16. But a section of the educational code describes a pregnant girl, whether married or single, as "harmful to the welfare of other pupils."

If the principal permits the mother-to-be to remain in class, he is violating the educational code. If he forces her to leave, he is violating the attendance requirement.

Doctors Landis and Kidd argue that the pregnant girl wife should be allowed to complete at least her high school education because "she will probably need the diploma as much or more than those students who do not marry early."

Conclusion

Concluding the report on their investigation, the two doctors declared that their investigation tended to show that in general the high school principals and teachers have not yet thought through the question.

"The incidence of high school marriages" certainly shows a common situation existing in almost all schools in the state, and points to the need for careful evaluation of present policies and the introduction of constructive action for meeting student needs - China Mail Special.

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South African Business Conditions

SHOULD REMAIN
BUOYANT
DURING 1956

Johannesburg, Dec. 20.

Business conditions in South Africa are expected to remain buoyant during 1956, according to the Associated Chambers of Commerce of South Africa in a newsletter to members.

Commenting on investment expenditure, the newsletter says: "Expenditure on capital development—one of the main determinants of the level of business activity—may well take place next year at a reduced rate in many branches of the economy, including the new gold mines and uranium extraction plants.

WORLD
RUBBER
MARKETS

New York, Dec. 20.
Rubber futures today closed 40 to 60 points lower with sales of 217 contracts.

Pre-holiday and year-end evening-up operations provided the main interest in the market.

Deer intra-switching accounted for about half of the trade. Exchanges included May-March at 340 points, July-May 190 and Sept-May 350 points.

In the spot market, a small business included January three-sheets at 44 cents, a January four-sheets at 40 cents, a pound, landed. Spot No. 1 was quoted at 47 1/2 cents, nominal. Futures:

March	44.00
May	40.25
July	37.50
Sept	35.00
Nov	32.00
Jan	30.00

The market opened steady with fair demand for lower grades. In the afternoon, the market sagged with little interest. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb	127 1/2-128
Jan	127 1/2-128
May	124 1/2-125 1/2
July	121 1/2-122 1/2
Sept	118 1/2-119 1/2
Nov	115 1/2-116 1/2
Jan	112 1/2-113 1/2

The market was quietly steady with spot quoted at 37 1/2 cents per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Latex spot	37-37 1/2
Settlement (house term)	36 1/2-37 1/2
Feb	36 1/2-37 1/2
Apr	35 1/2-36 1/2
June	34 1/2-35 1/2
Aug	33 1/2-34 1/2
Oct	32 1/2-33 1/2
Dec	31 1/2-32 1/2
Feb	30 1/2-31 1/2
Apr	29 1/2-30 1/2
June	28 1/2-29 1/2
Aug	27 1/2-28 1/2
Oct	26 1/2-27 1/2
Dec	25 1/2-26 1/2
Feb	24 1/2-25 1/2
Apr	23 1/2-24 1/2
June	22 1/2-23 1/2
Aug	21 1/2-22 1/2
Oct	20 1/2-21 1/2
Dec	19 1/2-20 1/2
Feb	18 1/2-19 1/2
Apr	17 1/2-18 1/2
June	16 1/2-17 1/2
Aug	15 1/2-16 1/2
Oct	14 1/2-15 1/2
Dec	13 1/2-14 1/2
Feb	12 1/2-13 1/2
Apr	11 1/2-12 1/2
June	10 1/2-11 1/2
Aug	9 1/2-10 1/2
Oct	8 1/2-9 1/2
Dec	7 1/2-8 1/2
Feb	6 1/2-7 1/2
Apr	5 1/2-6 1/2
June	4 1/2-5 1/2
Aug	3 1/2-4 1/2
Oct	2 1/2-3 1/2
Dec	1 1/2-2 1/2
Feb	1/2-1 1/2
Apr	0-1/2
June	-1/2-0
Aug	-1 1/2-1/2
Oct	-2 1/2-2 1/2
Dec	-3 1/2-3 1/2
Feb	-4 1/2-4 1/2
Apr	-5 1/2-5 1/2
June	-6 1/2-6 1/2
Aug	-7 1/2-7 1/2
Oct	-8 1/2-8 1/2
Dec	-9 1/2-9 1/2
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June	-48 1/2-48 1/2
Aug	-49 1/2-49 1/2
Oct	-50 1/2-50 1/2
Dec	-51 1/2-51 1/2
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Apr	-53 1/2-53 1/2
June	-54 1/2-54 1/2
Aug	-55 1/2-55 1/2
Oct	-56 1/2-56 1/2
Dec	-57 1/2-57 1/2
Feb	-58 1/2-58 1/2
Apr	-59 1/2-59 1/2
June	-60 1/2-60 1/2

The market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif January as follows:

No. 1 rubber	3.55 nom.
No. 2 rubber	3.15 buyers
No. 3 rubber	2.85 nom.
No. 4 rubber	2.55 nom.
No. 5 rubber	2.25 nom.
No. 6 rubber	1.95 nom.
No. 7 rubber	1.65 nom.
No. 8 rubber	1.35 nom.
No. 9 rubber	1.05 nom.
No. 10 rubber	0.75 nom.
No. 11 rubber	0.45 nom.
No. 12 rubber	0.15 nom.

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WORLD
COTTON
MARKET

New York, Dec. 20.

In one of the slowest sessions of the year, cotton futures today settled back irregularly after a steady start.

At the close, the list ruled 22 points lower to one point higher. The market opened off 3 to 4 points. New Orleans closed off 4 to 22 points.

The certificated cotton stock rose 632 to 18,633 bales.

Traders said the lack of interest reflected the oncoming year-end holidays and the position to await the re-opening of Congress in January, when farm legislation is expected to be one of the first orders of business.

Business meanwhile was mostly of professional origin. Routine hedge selling and pre-holiday liquidation was taken up by the brokers who bought March and May against sales of July and later deliveries in the forenoon. Little interest was shown in the new crop months.

With one private estimate running closer to the seven million bale mark, a solidification of a tightening supply situation hereafter, although skeptics doubted the market's immediate rallying power in view of the surplus disposal programme scheduled to get under way right after the new year.

Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open	Interest
Dec	10,000	420,000	7,000
Jan	10,000	410,000	7,000
Feb	10,000	400,000	7,000
Mar	10,000	390,000	7,000
Apr	10,000	380,000	7,000
May	10,000	370,000	7,000
June	10,000	360,000	7,000
July	10,000	350,000	7,000
Aug	10,000	340,000	7,000
Sept	10,000	330,000	7,000
Oct	10,000	320,000	7,000
Nov	10,000	310,000	7,000
Dec	10,000	300,000	7,000

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.00
Mar	31.75
May	31.34
Jul	29.50
Oct	29.01-69
Dec	29.23
Jan	29.17

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.50
Mar	30.25
May	30.10
Jul	28.50
Oct	28.00
Dec	27.50
Jan	27.00

Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:

Dec/Jan	25.40
Mar./Apr.	25.20
May/June	23.60
July/Aug.	22.85
New contract	
May/June	27.05
July/Aug.	25.44
Oct./Nov.	24.00
Egyptian Karnak	28.70

